

Class 7: Writing a Powerful Ending

Slide 1: Welcome

Teacher Notes

- Welcome students to the class.
- Introduce yourself.
- Explain to them that they will be writing the ending of their story today.

Sample script: Hello guys, welcome to our seventh class. Today we will begin to write the ending of your stories!

Slide 2: Today's Discussions

Teacher Notes

- Present the PPT, or have a student read it.
- Explain to the students that there are different types of endings.
- Let them know that they have the power to decide how the reader feels after reading their stories.

Sample script: Ok let's go over the slide....

Today I would like you to focus on writing a strong ending. Remember that a story doesn't have to have a happily ever after ending. So today we will go over a few different kinds of endings. Leaving readers different impressions of your story.

Slide 3: Why are endings important?

Teacher Notes

- Go over the slide.
- Explain to the students the goals a good ending could achieve.

Sample Script: “After going over the slide” Why is a good ending important? It could wrap up the struggles and problems of the story, and could leave the readers feeling different things.

Slide 4: What should an Ending do?

Teacher Notes

- Go over the slide to explain the purpose of an ending.
- Give examples if possible.
- Have the students brainstorm their ending.

Sample Script: Looking at the slide, think about your story and how you would like it to end.

Slide 5: Four types of Endings

Teacher Notes

- Go over the slide.
- Remind students of different Endings.
- Have the student pick one for his story.

Sample Script: Let’s look at different types of endings. Let’s get a volunteer to go over it. Usually, the Happy ending is the most common, but depending on your story, it doesn’t have to be that way. Think about the type of ending that suits your story the best!

Slide 6: Character Growth

Teacher Notes

- Go over the slide.
- Explain to the students to put some focus on the change in the main character.
- Have the students summarize the difference in the character from start to finish.

Sample Script: Often times when we write a story, we tend to forget about the character and focus strictly on the story. Looking at the slide we can see some potential changes within the character. Once again, Show, Don’t tell!

Slide 7: Avoid These Ending Mistakes

Teacher Notes

- Quickly go over the examples on the slide.
- Ask students to imagine how they feel or have experienced any of these issues in books or movies.

- Discuss these issues in class as a reminder for the students when writing their own stories.

Sample Script: Usually for an ending, there's a purpose the author wants to achieve. More importantly to avoid a lot of the things we see here. For example ending too suddenly, have you guys seen Benjamin Button? The story where the protagonist was born as an old man, and then died as a baby? The story is beautiful because it is complete, which leaves the audience satisfied. Imagine the movie ending by the time he's in his 40's, and then end the movie with a statement that says "Benjamin continued living his life backwards and eventually died as an infant". Horrible right?

You might not want to introduce a new problem at the end of it unless there is a sequel.

Or end the story with "everything turned out ok, because he won the jackpot" then that kind of makes the entire story demeaning. It makes the story less valuable.

And make sure to resolve an issue or the problem of the story. If the story begins with people suffering in a village, don't forget to mention the village if you choose a family as an example for the story.

Slide 8: Example Ending

Teacher Notes:

- Go over the slide. Tell them why dialogue could be useful.
- Have the students understand the progression of the story.

Sample Script: So this is a basic summary of a story. Let's have someone read it.
We are obviously making the ending slightly longer since that's what we are focusing on. As you can see there is a purpose to the story. Which is?...How Lucy overcame her issues of becoming a good speaker. Let's try writing a summary for our story!

Slide 9: Writing Activity

Teacher Notes:

- Invite students to begin writing their ending.
- Include the things we have discussed today.
- Make sure they have a clear image of it before writing it!

Sample Script: Ok everyone, start working on your ending paragraphs! Remember the things we have discussed today, and read it to yourself to see if you are satisfied with it!

Slide 10: Share and Reflect

Teacher Notes:

- Go over the slide.
- Have the student complete their story for homework if they need to.

Sample Script: Please remind yourselves of these questions! Finish the story as your homework!