Step 2: Sizzling Starts

Action Activity

5 Styles in 5 Minutes

Having run the ‘Discovering Different Styles’ Action Activity, your students are now ready to put what they’ve learned into practise.

Using the 5 styles found below, give students 1-2 minute(s) per start to write a Sizzling Start using that style.

When they’ve finished one Sizzling Start, use the same topic for each other style to show the myriad of ways students can approach a single topic.

As a result, each student will have five minutes to write five Sizzling Starts (one minute each) on one topic.

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<td>3-6: My secret talent</td>
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<td>7-12: Rules of texting</td>
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1. Begin with action  
2. Make the reader curious  
3. Dialogue  
4. Humour  
5. The ‘Moment of Change’

‘What a fantastic professional development day. Practical steps that can be implemented in all stages, in all classrooms. Thank you’ - Wendy Pike, Assistant Principal

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