

Genre/Styles of Writing

This activity was a revision of an activity originally devised some time ago for Year 7. We tried it out at with year five and it worked quite well. We have introduced some changes but it needs more work. Please try it and feed back your comments and versions of the activity.

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Instructions.

1. Work in pairs. Take one set of cards. Use the sorting board to sort them into eight sets. Were there any cards which you think will fit into more than one set? Put them on one side for our discussion.
2. Use the blank cards and try to write something in each of the different styles of writing. Add your own cards to the pile for when you play the game.
3. Now find another pair who have cards with a different colour. You also need a Connect Four game board. Play Connect Four.

Genre/Styles of Writing: Sorting Board

<p>writing to persuade someone to do something or to see your point of view</p>	<p>writing to tell a story</p>	<p>writing to describe a thing or person</p>	<p>writing to tell someone how to do something</p>
<p>poetry: writing which helps you to see things in a new way.</p>	<p>writing which tells you about something that really happened</p>	<p>writing to yourself about your feelings and doings</p>	<p>writing that is meant to be spoken or acted out</p>

How to Play "Styles of Writing Connect Four"

The Aim of the Game is to get four cards in your colour on the board either horizontally, diagonally or vertically.

Equipment:

You need a game board. You can either enlarge the one we have provided or you can make a more decorative one of your own. You also need two sets of cards in two different colours. Don't forget to add the cards you have written yourself.

How to Play:

One pair should play against another pair. Place the card sets in two piles. The first pair should pick a card from their pile and place it on the board where they think it should go. Some cards will fit on more than one kind of writing. They have to justify their choice to the other pair who have to agree.

Genre/Styles of Writing Connect Four Game Board

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Heartless thieves stole Liverpool octogenarion's prize tomato last night.	Stores say this is going to be a record Christmas.	I tasted the Queen's breakfast marmalade.	For the third time running the Tigers have won the Heelturners Cup.	At least a hundred people attended the meeting about the new tram line.	The police say that they are looking into the matter.
You need a whisk, and flat wooden spoon and two bowls.	Make sure that it is completely cool before you roll it out.	Switch off the electricity before you begin.	Place tab A into slot A, bend and glue carefully	Stir the potato carefully to prevent it sticking to the bottom of the pan.	Please be certain that you have located and identified all the parts before you begin assembly
Meanwhile back at the castle a wicked plot was being hatched by the evil duke.	I have to take you back a few months to explain how this meeting took place.	Now we shall leave the happy couple to enjoy their time together.	Suddenly there was a loud knock at the door	In a distant country a long time ago there lived a tall giant.	...and they all lived happily ever after.
She was pale and interesting. She wore a black dress and green ear rings.	His fluffy beard flowed generously down to his shoulders	The tip of his nose was very red, as were his cheeks.	Her fingers were always restless; tapping complicated tunes on the tops of tables.	His head was big in relation to his body, and his feet were enormous.	He had twinkly eyes, a long white beard and a bright red suit.
"Tomorrow is my daughter's wedding day!"	"You must all come to the library. I have to tell you something important"	(she turns away and buries her head in her hands)	"Did you say that you were found in a bag at the railway station?"	"I would like to point out that though I am dressed as a man, I am really a woman."	"Romeo! Romeo! Wherefore art thou Romeo?"

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My love is like a red, red rose	I wish I lived in a caravan, With a horse to ride like a pedlar man.	Twinkle twinkle little star, How I wonder what you are.	I wandered lonely as a cloud.	There was a young lady from Riga, Who went for a ride on a tiger.	Down among the dustbins was a dog called Jim. He doesn't know me and I.....
I woke up early and felt hungry at once.	Today has been such an exciting day.	..and so to bed	I went out for a walk while waiting for my porridge to cool.	So much has happened today that I do not know where to start writing.	What a boring day! I can't think of anything to write about.
I would like to point out that not everyone agrees with you.	On the other hand many people like brown bread.	First I would like to explain why I support this idea.	The main reasons I disagree can be summed up like this.	I hope to persuade you to agree with my very clever idea.	Do not be put off by its shocking appearance. It is really a very friendly animal..