

What If..... Writing Fiction in First Grade Synopsis

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This unit will engage students in the creative process and, in the end, have them create a presentation of their story whether through Book Creator, filming their story, or some other medium. This presentation will provide an authentic audience for their writing, besides the teacher, something that is missing from most writing assignments. The unit will begin with the basic tenants of reading comprehension and then translate those ideas into formulating students' own stories. Students will develop their story ideas using dramatic play. Writing can include, pencil on paper, typing, and recording stories orally. Many, but not all students, let their fear of the physical act of writing hinder their ability to tell a story. This unit will help students become proficient in communicating their ideas through whichever medium works best for their needs.