



Grow a Story

Purpose

To encourage students to think creatively.

Steps

1. Divide students into groups of 4-5.
2. Write a starting “seed” of a sentence on the board - something that each group will build on. Something like “Once upon a time there was a lonely tree on a hill, and it...”
3. Have each group write down the initial sentence, and then have each member of the group write a sentence that adds to their group story.
4. If the students are engaged, let them continue “growing” their story, making sure that all members of the group participate.
5. Once everyone is finished, share! Have each group chose a reader and ask them to read their “grown” story to the class.



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Materials

- Paper
- Pencils



Helpful Hints

If a student becomes stuck, offer up some simple ideas for them to run with.

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Opening

