

Dear Educators,

I use these graphic organizers to introduce/teach narrative writing to my firsties (but you can use them with other grades too!) during Writer's Workshop. I introduce narrative writing with the first graphic organizer, the one with the happy faces. *I also shrink the sentence starters page and students glue these in their journals, for independent writing.*

This is how I teach them to use the sentence starters. We start by choosing the topic (We generate an anchor chart with lots of topics for students to choose if needed). Then, we use topic to write the title. After, we use the title to help us write the topic sentence. I call this sentence, "The Star Sentence". After we write our star sentence, we write details about the topic with the help of the sentence starters. The details are the happy faces or circles with a "D," for details, inside of them. The first time we write, we only write two details. At the beginning, It can be a bit overwhelming for students to write more because they are learning to use both the graphic organizer and sentence starters! (I have also included some drafts with numbers, for the details, instead of icons, for those students who feel they are ready or who may be too sophisticated for icons! LOL)

After writing the details, we write the conclusion using the sentence starters. In my opinion, the conclusion tells how we felt/feel, in our hearts, about the event or topic we are writing about, that's why I placed a heart on it. The conclusion is also the end of the story. So, I tell my students to "wrap it up," (multiple meaning word!) or to finish their writing and to "put a bow (descriptive words, etc.) on it." This is why you see a heart and a wrapped gift with a bow on it.

I use the icons/pictures, that I came up with, to help students remember the "Narrative Writing Formula." Before I know it, the formula starts transferring to any writing we do in class, such as journal writing. I love to see how those that need it, start drawing their little icons next to each sentence to remind themselves about the structure of a narrative writing paragraph. Using these graphic organizers has truly worked for me. I am sure it will help your writers too!

Happy Writing! ♡SEII♡ &VEI©S♡ Teaching from My Heart



P.S. I enlarge the sentence frames sheet and make it into a poster to use as a resource. I also continue to use sentence frames for our writing because they allow me to differentiate and to teach the three different writing genres (narrative, informative, & opinion) in first grade. These also help my students find their own voice. I found that without these sentence starters and frames, most of the papers sounded the same. You can take a look a the rest of my sentence starters and frames MERE. Enjoy!

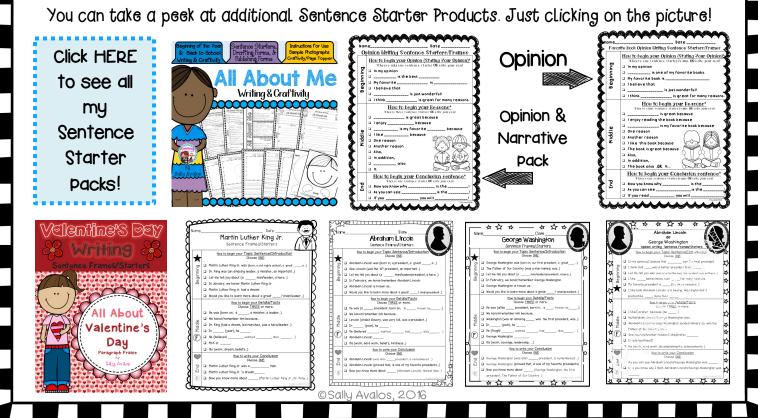


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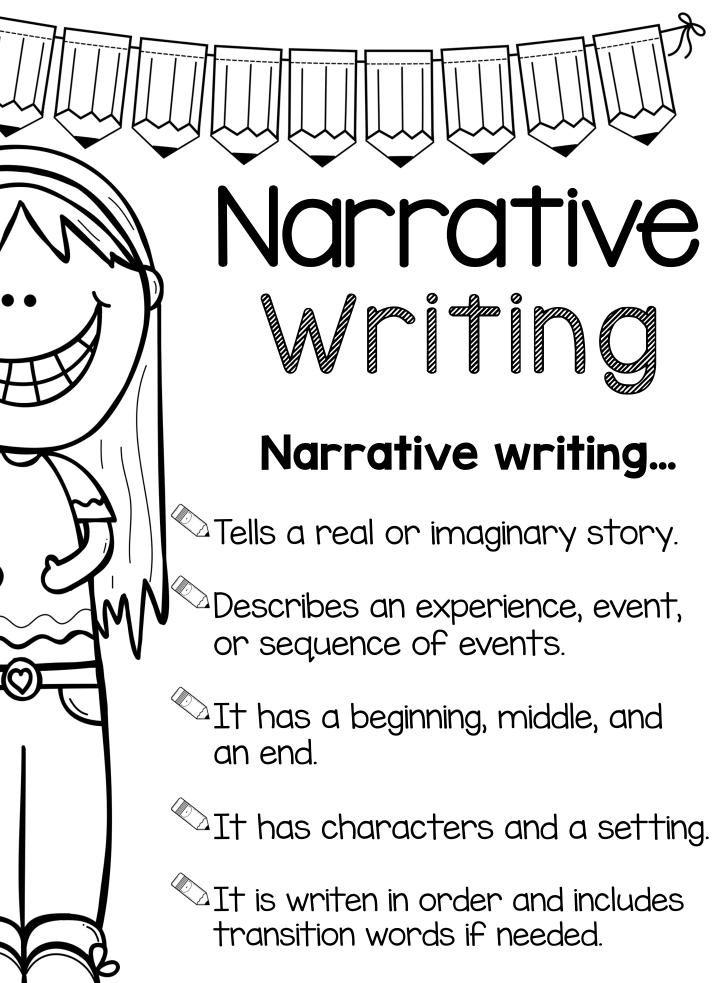
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Personal Narrative

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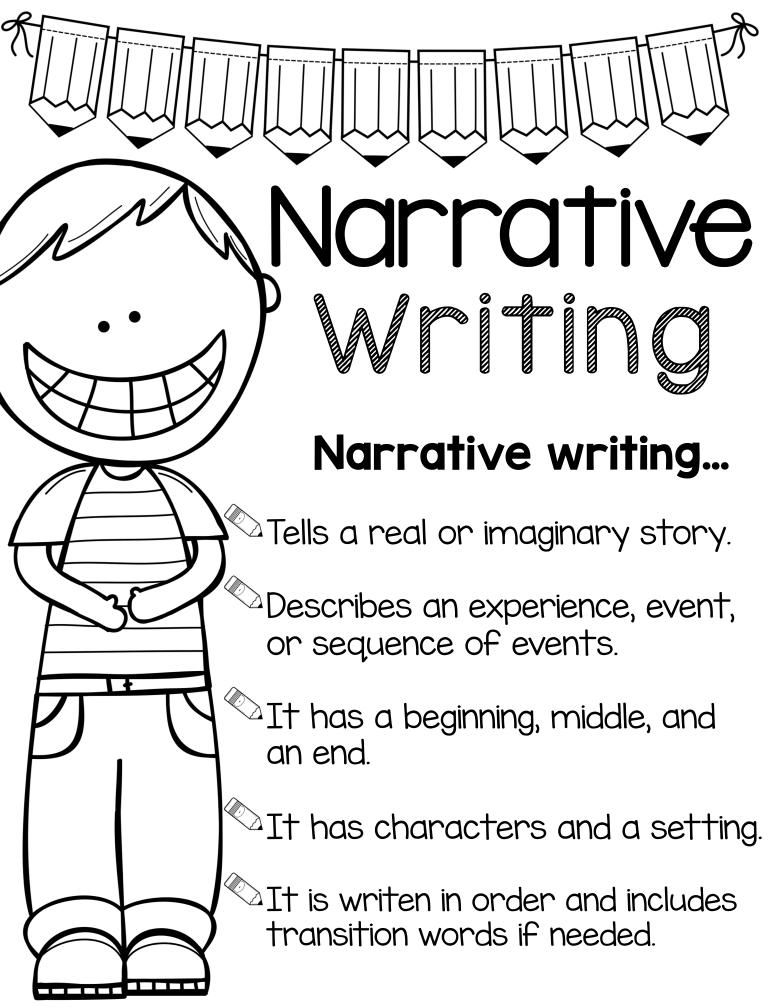
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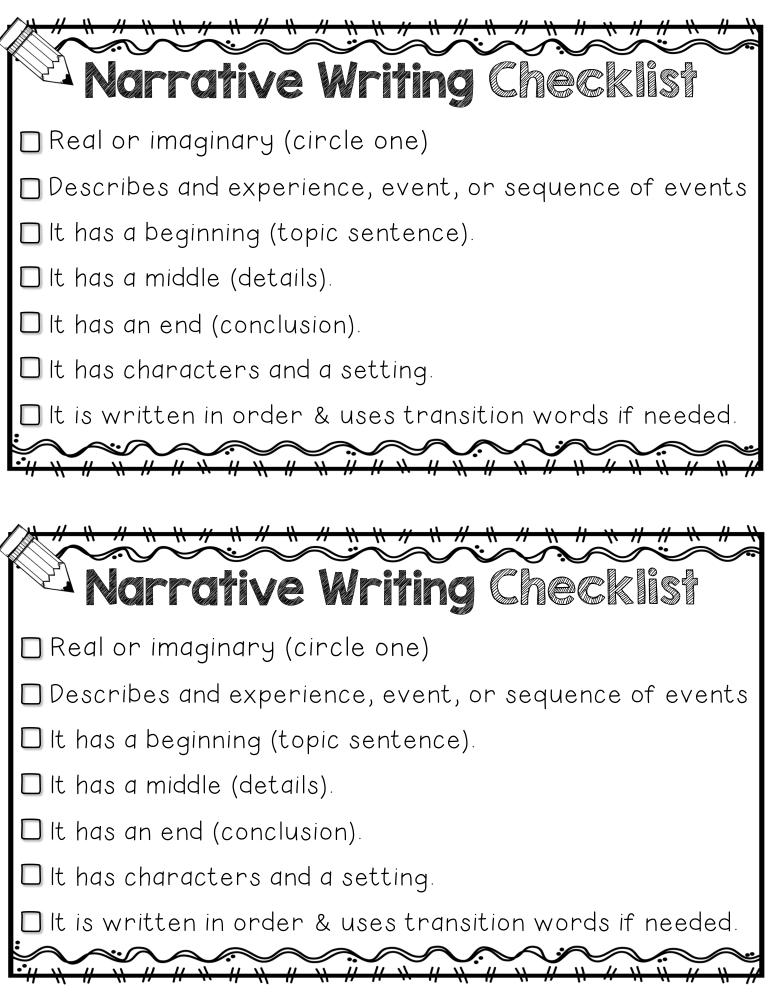
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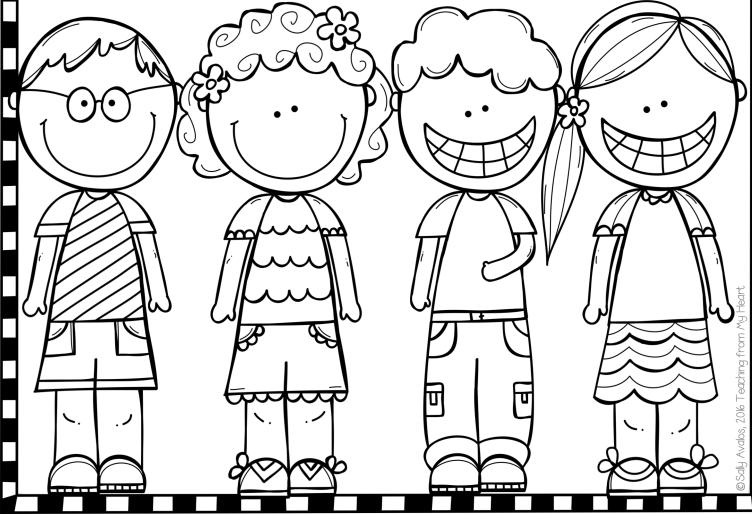


(Instructions for the educator)*

How to Begin:

- I. Choose one of the sentence starter pages (with icons or without).
- Begin by checking off a sentence starter for the topic sentence (beginning). If the sentence starter has more than one word, circle, highlight, or underline the word you prefer. I usually have my students cross of the rest since they don't need it.
- Then, do the same as you check off the sentence starter/s you want for the details (middle) & conclusion (end).
- 4. Now, you are ready to write:
 - The draft (to model how to take the sentence starters and write complete sentences & writing a paragraph).
 - Note the draft (if you are working on the writing process and/or you want to revise and edit the work before you write your paragraph).
 - Sin your journal, if you will use these sentence starters to guide students' narrative writing during independent, shared, or interactive writing time.
 - 🔊 your paragraph or Published piece, if you will not be editing or revising.

*Please model how to use the sentence starters first to make sure students will use the sentence starters, and the other forms, correctly.



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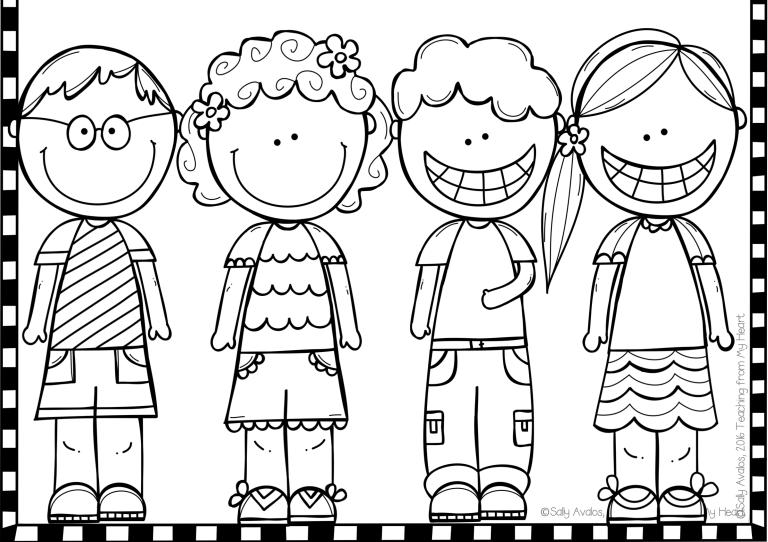
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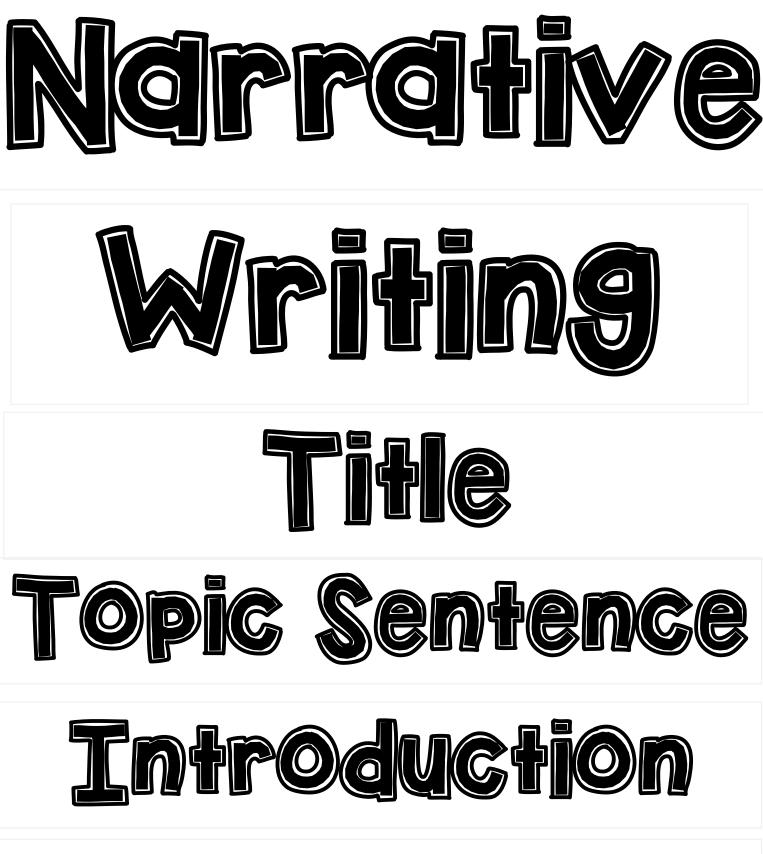
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Anchor Chart Labels

Instructions:

- Cut out the labels you will be using.
- Cut right on the line as a guide to ensure that the title/labels will be straight when you glue them on your chart. ^(C)





















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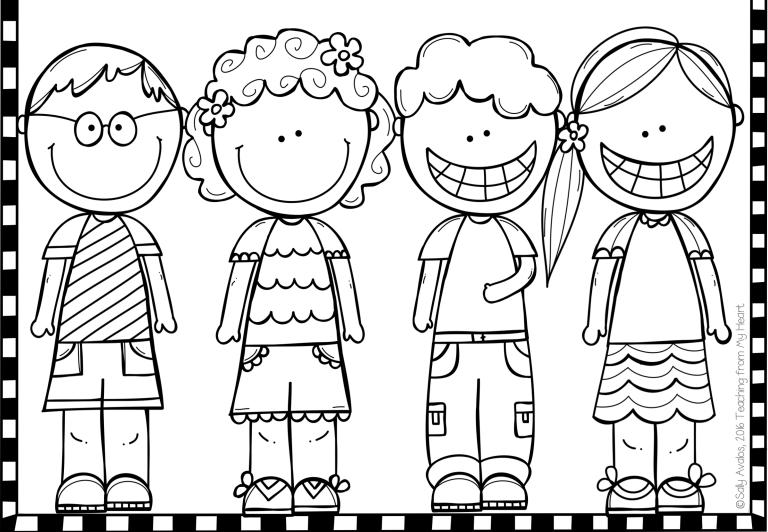
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Students can use the following drafting pages to write down what you write on the Narrative writing Anchor Chart AND/OR use one of the following drafting pages to MODEL taking the sentences from the sentence starters page and writing them in complete sentences and in paragraph form from beginning to end (This step can be done during shared writing, modeled writing, and/or Interactive writing).

Step 2

And/OR

If you want take the narrative writing piece through the writing Process, choose a draft paper, take the sentences from the sentence starters page and write them in the drafting page. You and/or your students can then revise & edit right on the drafting page!

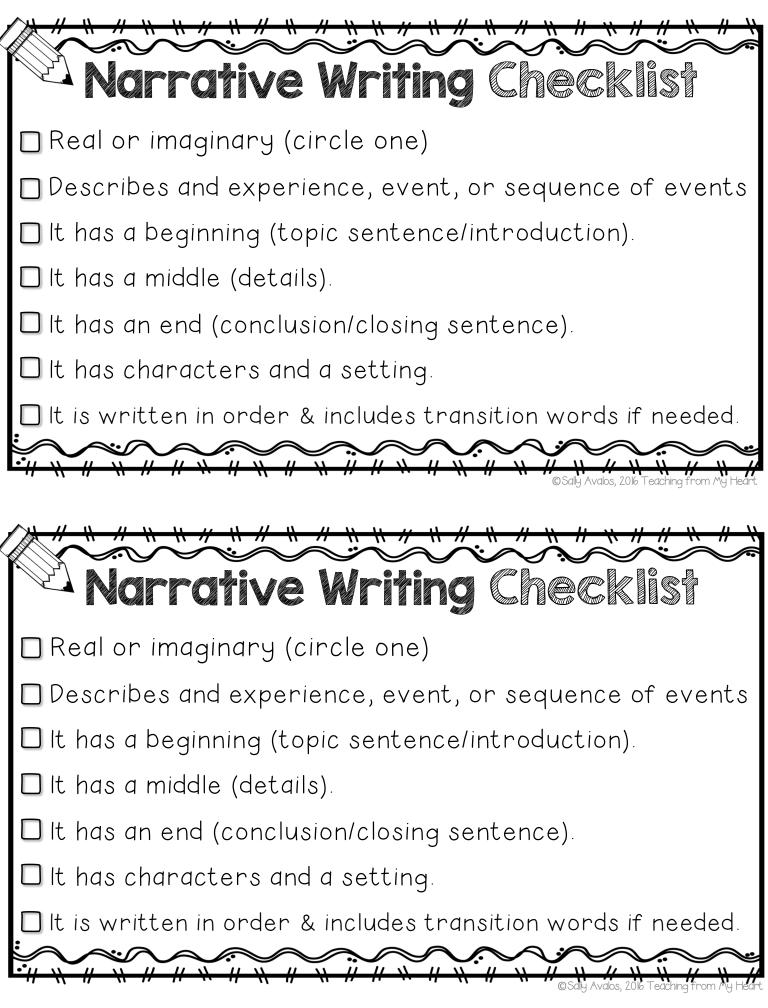


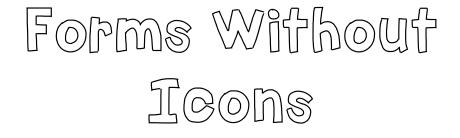
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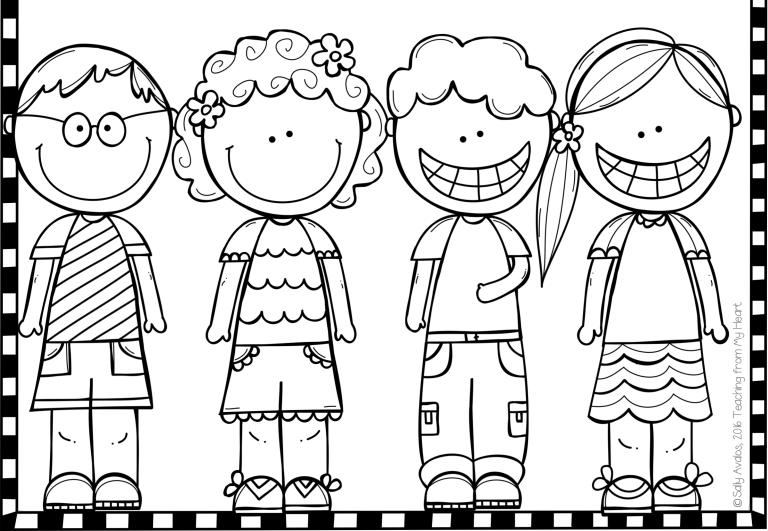
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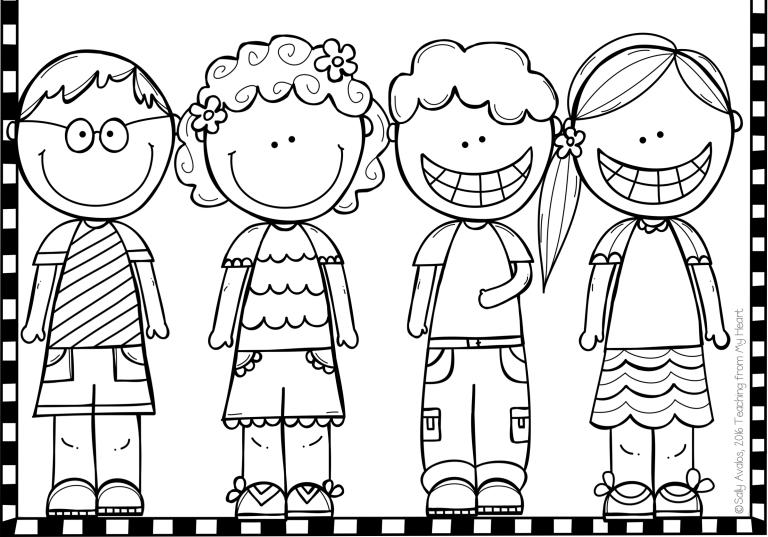
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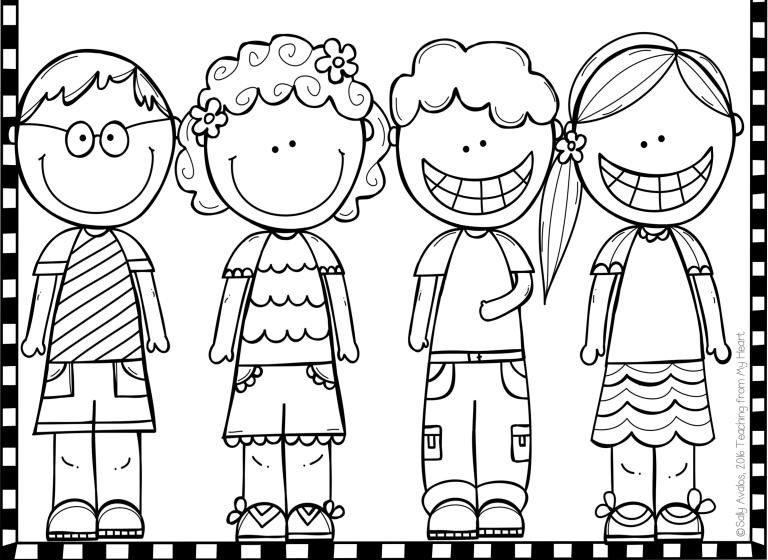
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Final Thoughts:

You can include the sentence starters in your writing center for practice or mastery.
 You can revisit this lesson at least once a month to reteach, reinforce, practice, or just for fun!

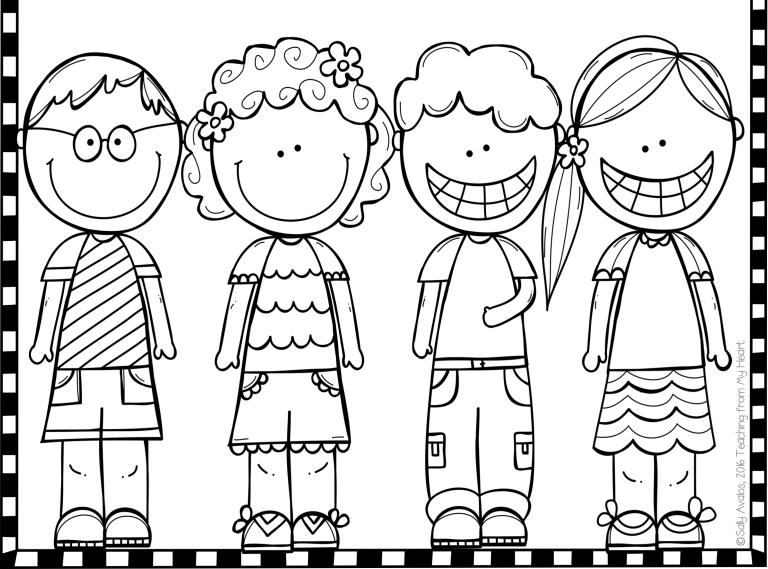
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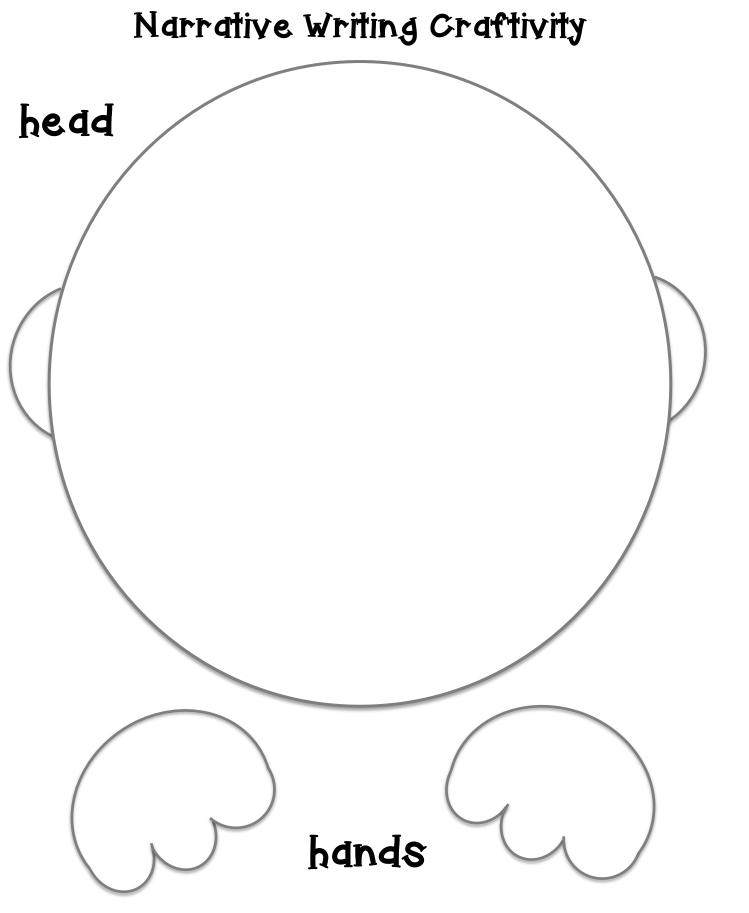
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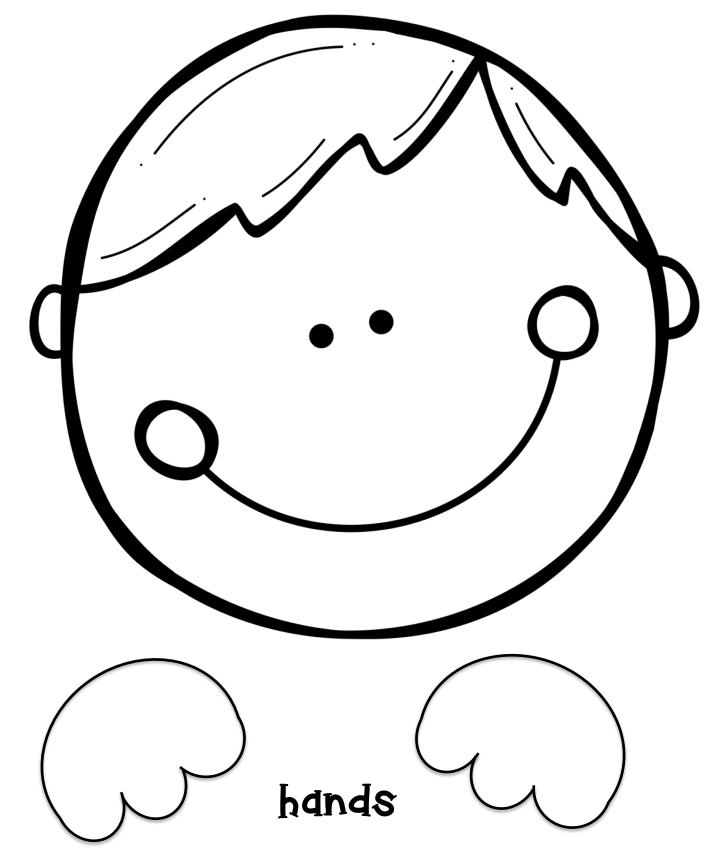
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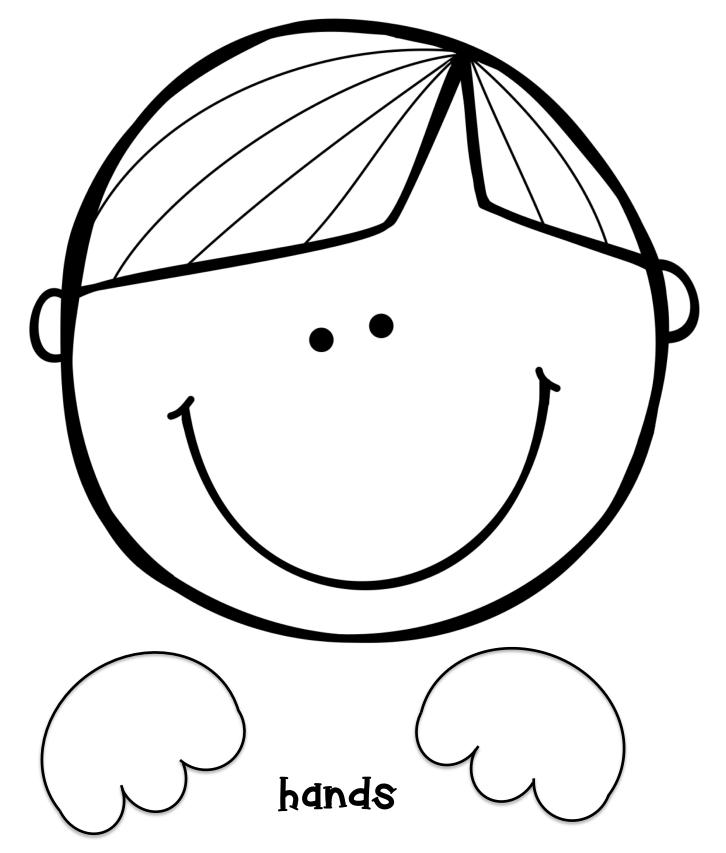




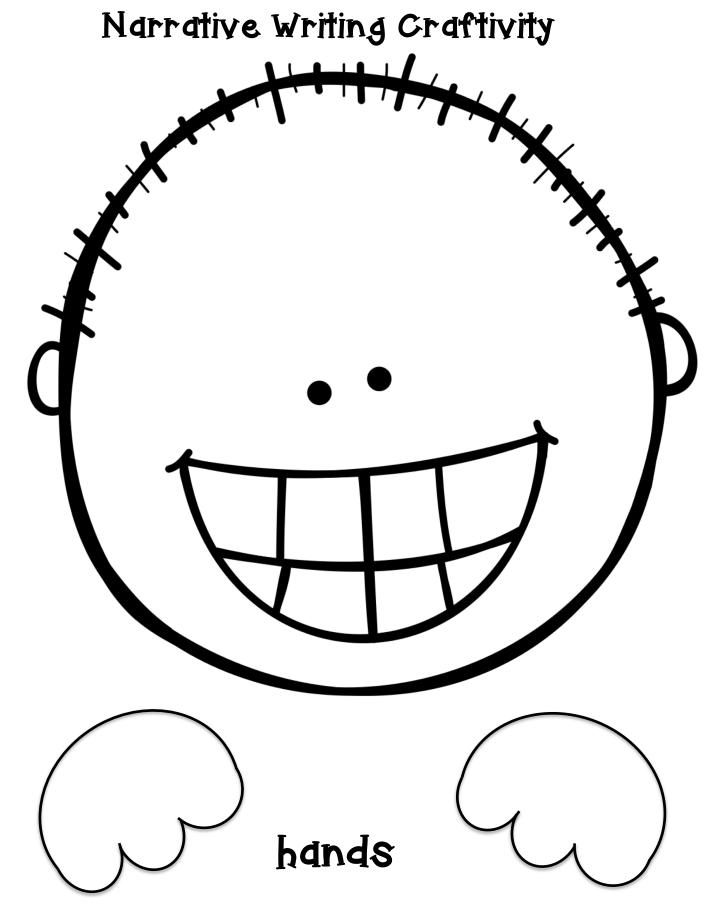
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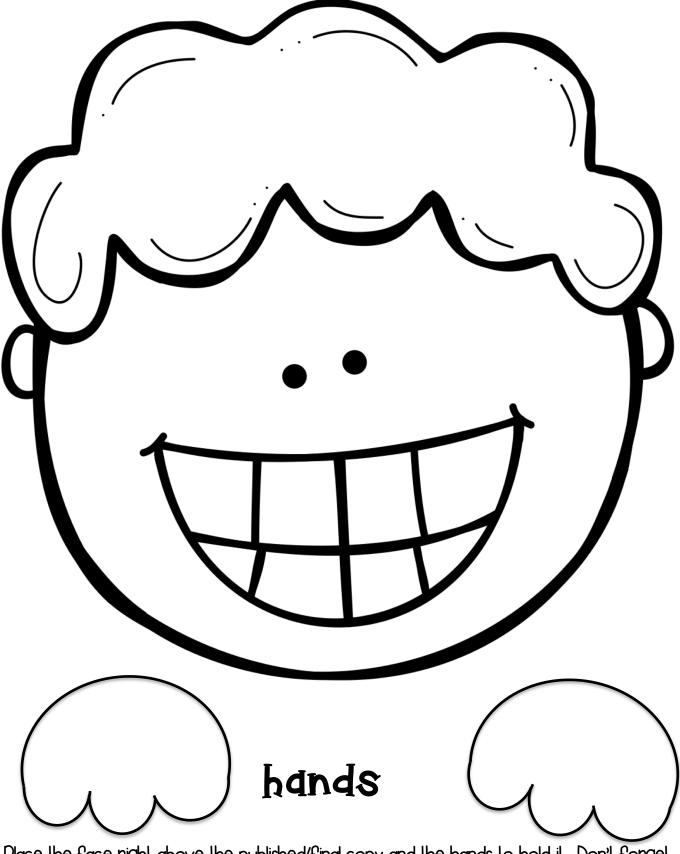
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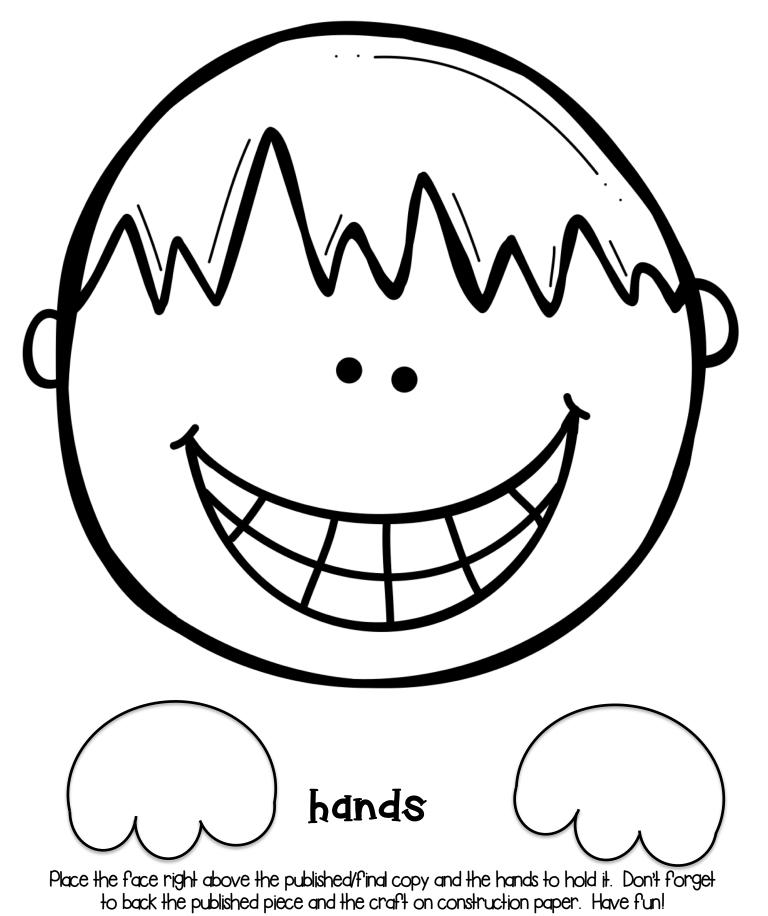
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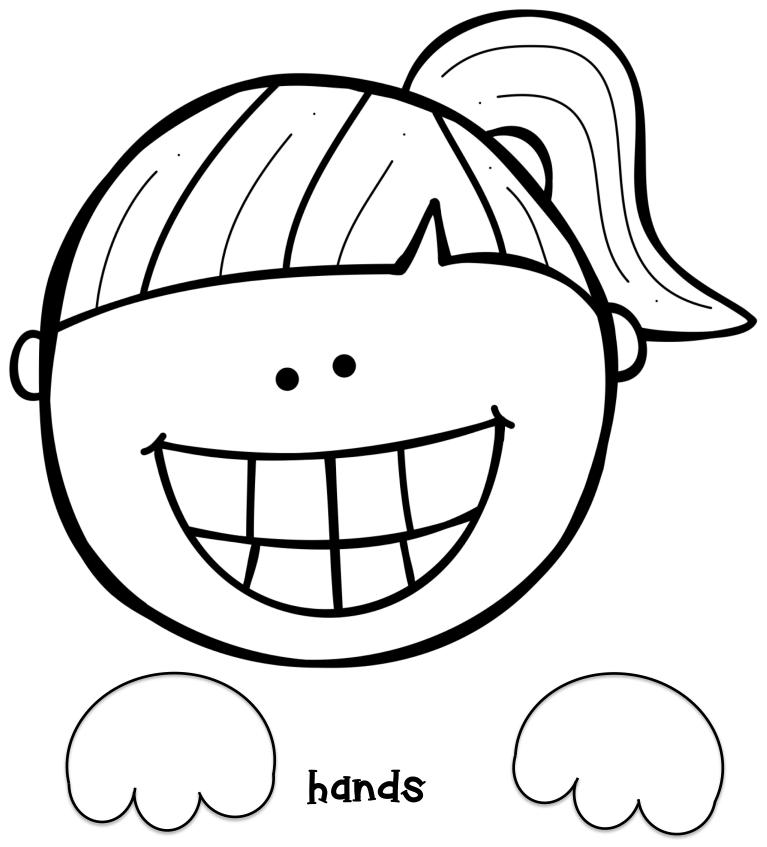


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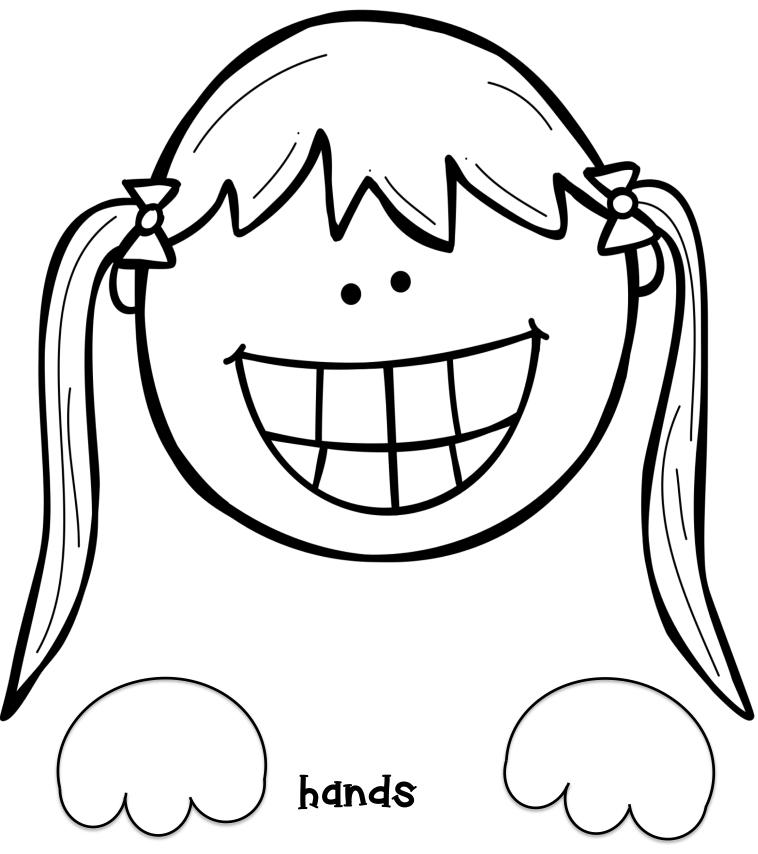


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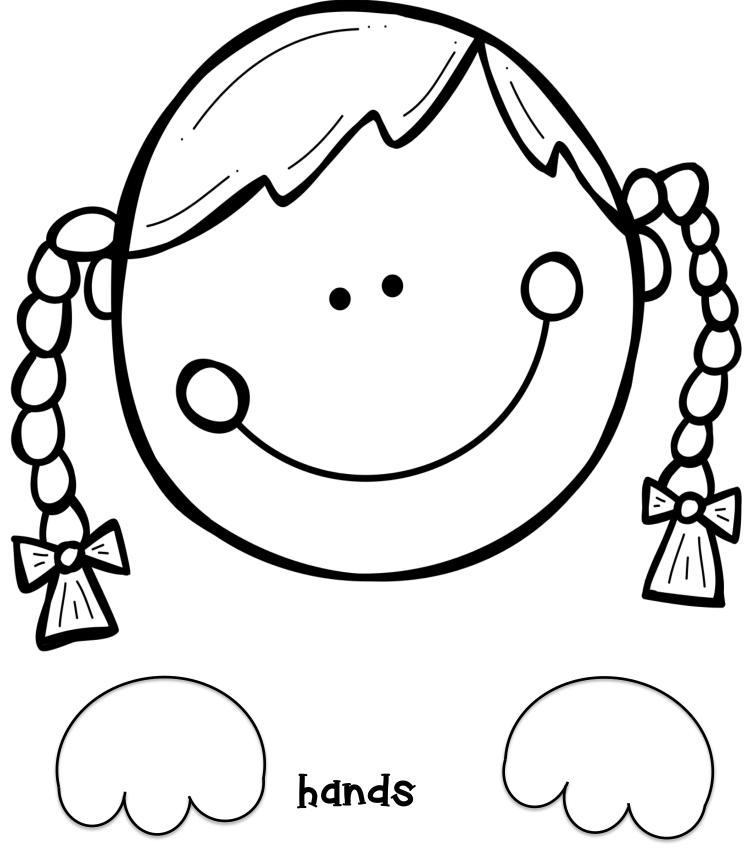




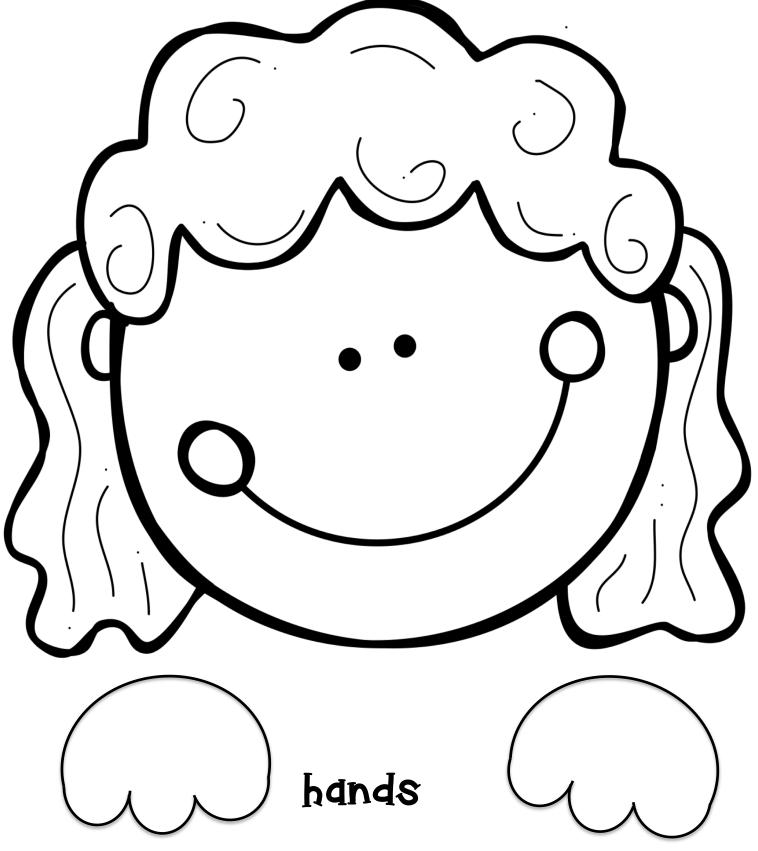
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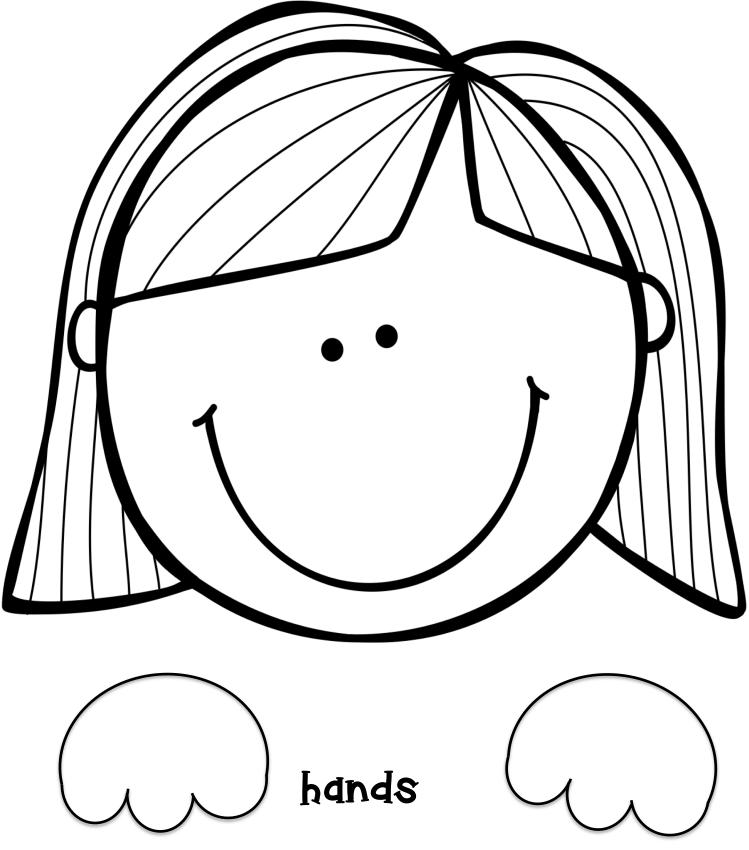
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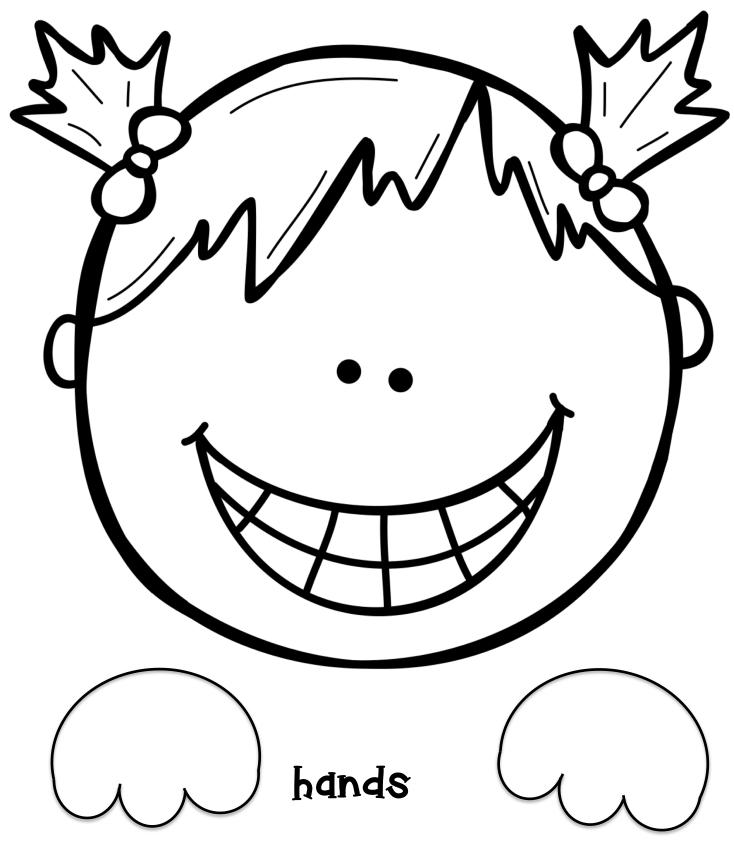
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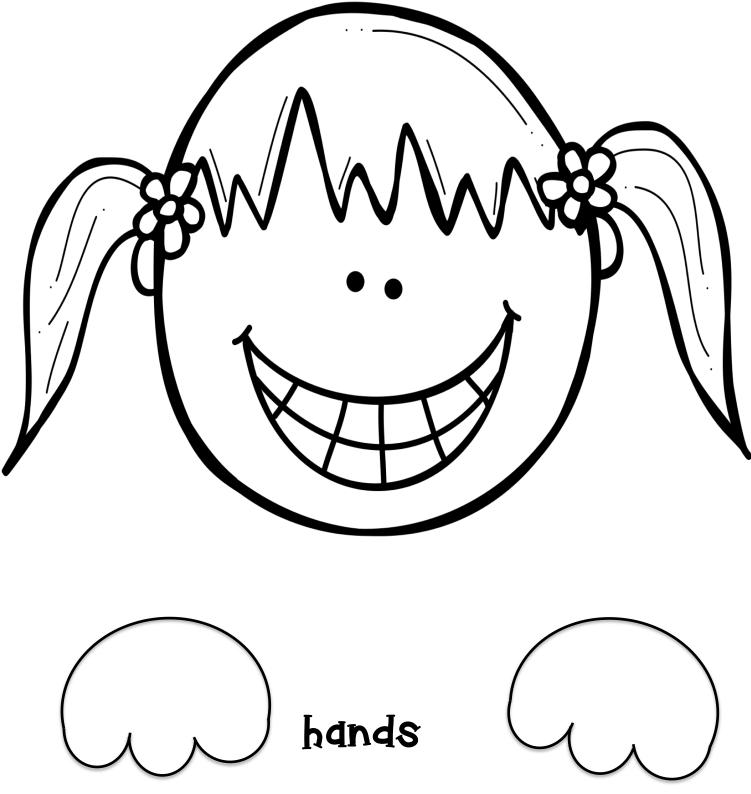
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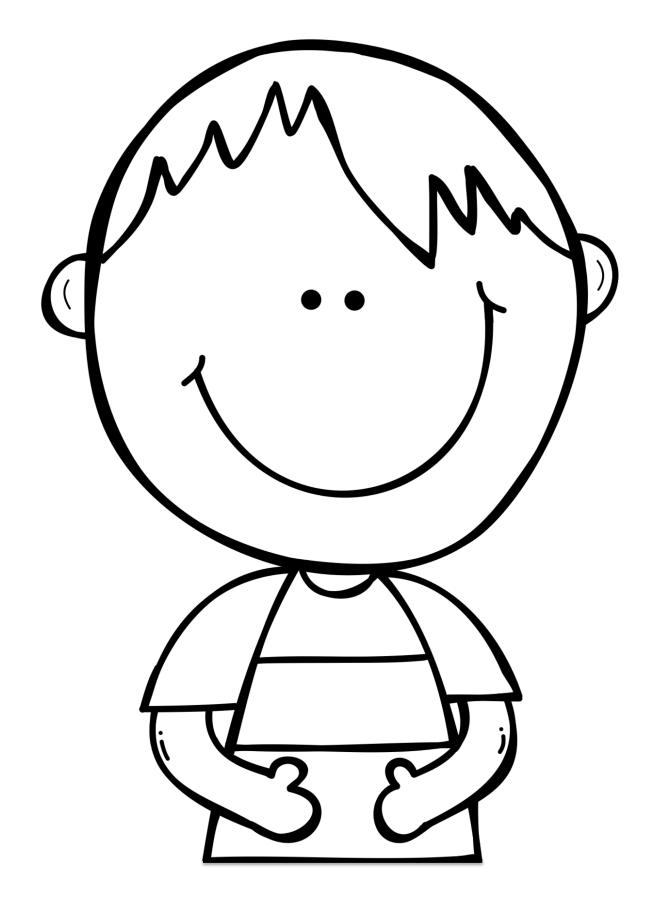


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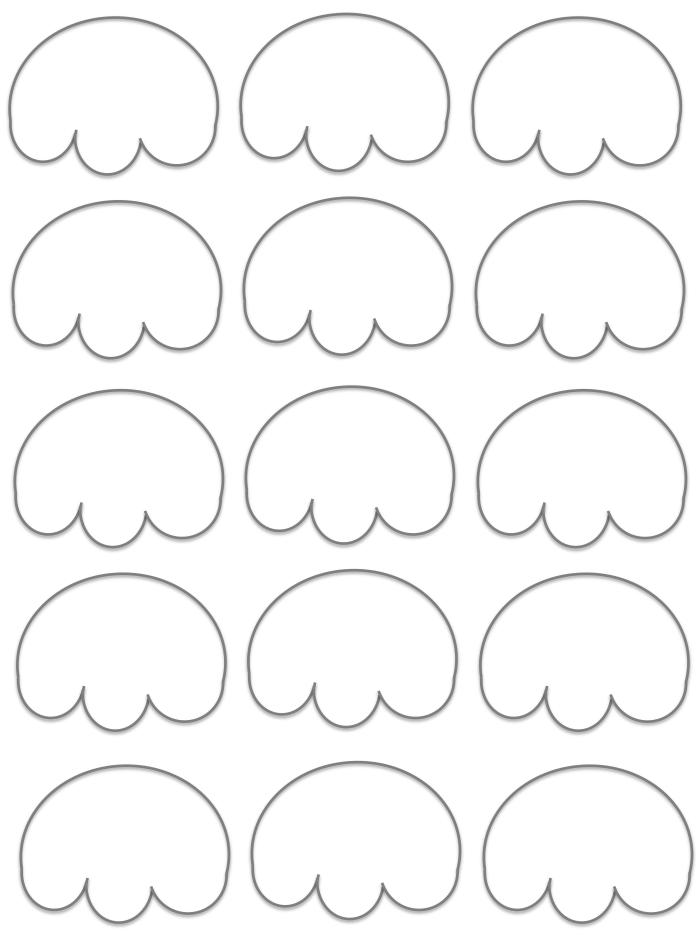


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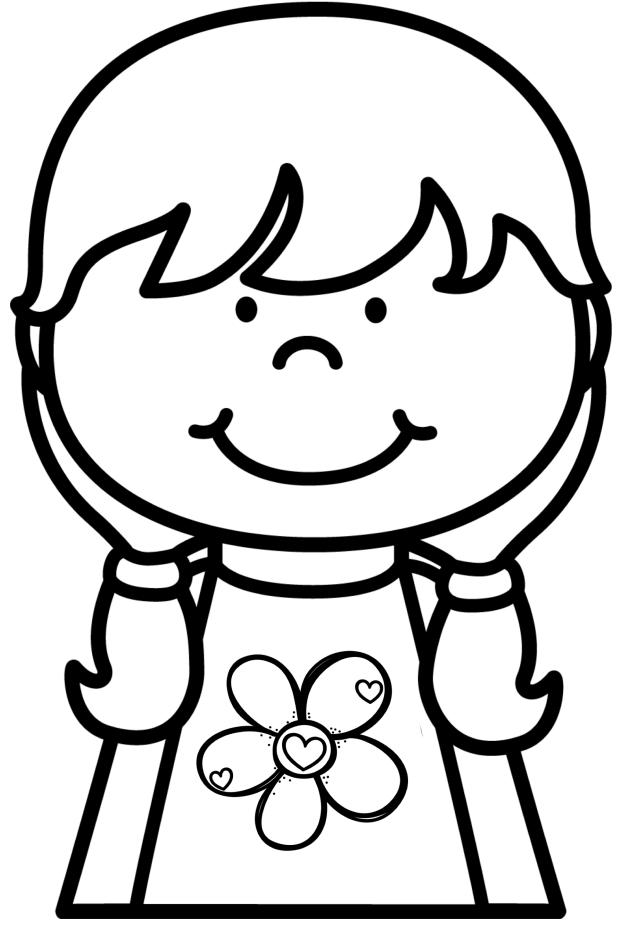




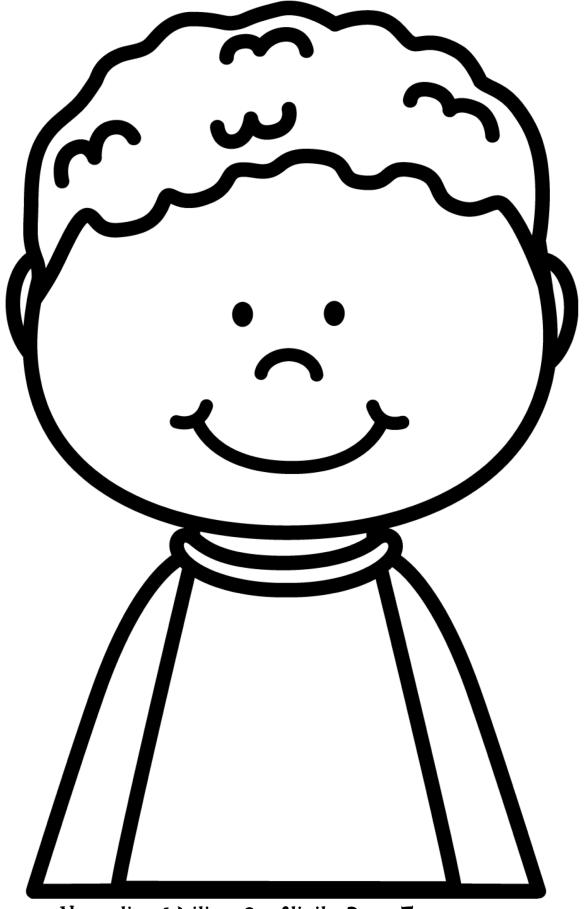
Narrative Writing Craftivity-Page Topper



Use these to add hands to the graphics in the following pages if you want hands.



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