

Writing Frames

40 Activities for Learning the Writing Process

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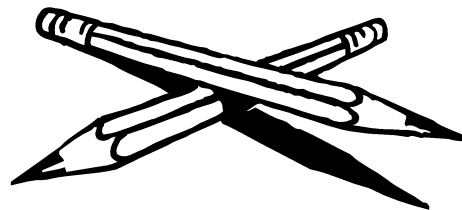
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Frame 11

In Frame 9, you recalled the first day of school this year. Now you are asked to remember your thoughts and feelings at that time and compare them to your attitude toward school today. Read the paragraph carefully before adding or changing any words. Try to use specific words that show exactly how you felt then and how you feel now. Write your work in final draft form. This means to write it neatly on the lined page or on your computer.

First Impressions

Now that we have been in school for _____ ,
I feel _____ about my classes and teachers.
At first, _____ seemed interesting. But now _____
_____. My hardest class is _____
because _____ .
My teacher in that class, _____, usually
_____, which is _____ for me.
My easiest class is _____ , which I have with _____ .
The work is easy because _____
_____. I have learned _____ this fall. For example,
I now know that _____ .
One of the most interesting things I have learned is _____
_____.
When grades come out, I _____ .

Frame 12

Being young isn't always fun or easy. Some older people think of their school days as the best days of their lives. They seem to have forgotten the difficult times. In this frame, you will have an opportunity to write about the problems people your age face. Read the paragraph before beginning to write. Notice that you need to add your age to the title. Good luck.

The Trials and Tribulations of Being ____

One of the expressions I dislike the most is, "Now is the best time of your life." Every time I turn around, my _____ or _____ says something like that to me. I guess they _____ what being a _____ is. When they think of being young, they think of _____ and _____. They forget about _____, _____, and _____. I wonder how they would like it if they suddenly found themselves _____ years old again. How would they like having to ask for everything from _____ to _____? If older people had to be young for one day, perhaps they _____.

On the other hand, being _____ must be _____. I suppose every age has its _____.

