

Contents List for Short Nonfiction Stories

(These stories are about real characters and events)

Title

Introductory Paragraph

Topic Sentence (G, C, or S Topic Sentence)

(Names the topic, grabs the reader)

Setting Sentences

(Descriptive sentences about the real setting)

Character Sentences

(Descriptive sentences about the real character(s))

Beginning Event Sentence or Thesis Statement (Specific Topic Sentence)

(Topic, Character, event, graceful lead in)

Rising-Action Paragraph

Topic/Transition Sentence (G, C, or S Topic Sentence)

(Transition, Topic, Character, Introduce the real event(s) related to the problem and building suspense)

Lead-off Sentences

(Transition, introduce a new event that builds suspense)

Follow-up Sentences

(Provide more info about the new event)

Climax Paragraph

Topic/Transition Sentence (G, C, or S Topic Sentence)

(Transition, Topic, Character, Introduce events related to the climax)

Lead-off Sentences

(Transition, introduce a new event related to the crisis, decision, or initial action)

Follow-up Sentences

(Provide more info about the new event)

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Falling-Action Paragraph

Topic/Transition Sentence (G, C, or S Topic Sentence)

(Transition, Topic, Character, Introduce events related to the problem-solving actions)

Lead-off Sentences

(Transition, introduce a new problem-solving action)

Follow-up Sentences

(Provide more info about the new problem-solving action)

Concluding Paragraph

Concluding/Transition Sentence (G, C, or S Topic Sentence)

(Concluding Transition, Topic, Character, Event related to the ending)

Detail Sentences

(Describe events related to the ending)

Clincher Sentence

(Topic, the main message)