

Creative Writing Guide Sheet

Step 1: choose a question
Step 2: plan

Planning for 'describe'

- ✓ Zoom out: describe the weather and setting. Think about how you are crafting the mood.
- ✓ Zoom in: choose one aspect to describe in detail.
- ✓ Link to 2nd zoom in: move into your 2nd image that you will zoom in on. Think about how you are transitioning to each different 'zoom in'.
- ✓ Link to 3rd zoom in
- ✓ Link to 4th zoom in
- ✓ Zoom out again: try and use circular structure here. You can either return to the mood you established at the beginning or alter it slightly.

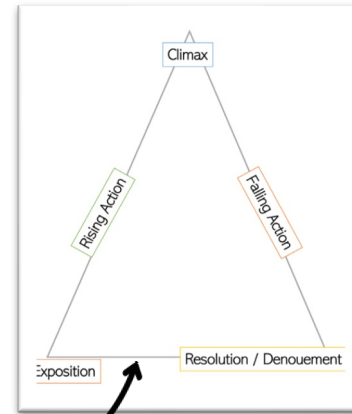
Ambitious vocabulary

Malignant	Majestic
Merciless	Gargantuan
Relentless	Weathered
Stagnant	Unyielding
Iridescent	Acrid
Grotesque	Pummelled
Luminous	Seeped

Planning for 'narrative (story)'

- ✓ Zoom out: describe the weather and setting. Think about how you are crafting the mood. Introduce your character. This is your *exposition*.
- ✓ Zoom in and focus on the rising action: what are the events that lead to your climax.
- ✓ Introduction of conflict: what is the problem that your character must encounter?
- ✓ Climax - how will you create tension in the build up to your climax?
- ✓ Falling action - how are you moving towards the resolution?
- ✓ Zoom out - how does your story end? Surprise? Clear resolution? Cliffhanger? New problem?

Ambitious vocabulary - my examples



Sentence types

- Simile start
- Preposition start
- Triplet
- Short
- Subordinate clause start
- Adverb start
- 'ing' start
- 'ed' start

Links and transitions

- Repeating words and ideas between paragraphs
- Repeating short sentences

What to include...

Structural methods to include

- Motifs
- One line paragraphs
- Short sentences for effect
- Anaphora
- Parallelism
- Lists
- Flashback (narrative)
- Cliff hanger (narrative)

Imagery to include

- Pathetic fallacy
- Symbolism
- Sensory imagery
- Metaphors
- Similes
- Personification
- Colour imagery
- Interesting verbs / adjectives / adverbs
- Contrast
- Juxtaposition
- Oxymoron
- Paradox
- Alliteration / sound devices

Engaging openings

- In the middle of action
- Dialogue
- Anaphora
- Slow reveal
- Tension / suspense
- Set the scene: weather / setting

Engaging endings

- Short sentence
- One line paragraph
- Weather
- Circular structure - return to mood at the beginning or change?