

Picture Story

Grade level: 4 – 12

Subject Area: Language Arts (Creative writing)

Objective: To write a creative story.

Material Needed:

- Today's newspaper
- Scissors
- Glue stick

Directions:

1. Distribute a copy of today's newspaper to each student in the class.
2. Ask each student to select three photos in today's newspaper that they find interesting.
3. Cut the photos from the newspaper.
4. Glue the photos to the top of a sheet of lined paper.
5. Create a story that somehow ties together all three photos!

Sharing:

- Ask for volunteers to share their photos and the story created to tie them together.
- Create a bulletin board displaying the finished work.

Extension:

- Create the stories in small groups rather than individually.
- Cut 10 verbs that you think show excitement from today's newspaper. Create a story that uses each verb.
- Create a "round robin" story based on a photo in today's newspaper. The first student begins to tell a story about what may have happened in the photo. Stop that student and let the next student continue the story. Repeat until all have added to the story.
- What other ways could you use this activity in your classroom?