

RAFT TEMPLATE

ROLE	AUDIENCE	FORMAT	TOPIC

Why, When, and How

Why:

- It includes writing from different viewpoints.
- It helps students learn important writing skills such as audience, main idea, and organization.
- It teaches students to think creatively about writing and use higher-order thinking when responding to the prompts.
- It promotes differentiated learning and student autonomy.

When:

- It should be used at the conclusion of a lesson or unit or after reading a text.

How:

- Use it individually or in a group setting.
- Use it as a formative assessment to gauge student understanding.

Below are some more ideas for role, audience, format, and topic that can be used to create your own RAFT for students.

ROLE	AUDIENCE	FORMAT	TOPIC
Writer	Self	Journal	Issue relevant to the text or time period
Artist	Peer	Editorial	Topic of personal interest or concern for the role or the audience
Character	Group	Brochure or Booklet	Topic related to an essential question
Scientist	Government	Interview	
Adventurer	Parents	Video	
Inventor	Fictional character(s)	Song lyric	
Juror	Committee	Cartoon	
Judge	Jury	Game	
Historian	Judge	Primary document	
Reporter	Activists	Critique	
Rebel	Animals or objects	Biographical sketch	
Therapist	Therapist	Newspaper article	
Journalist			