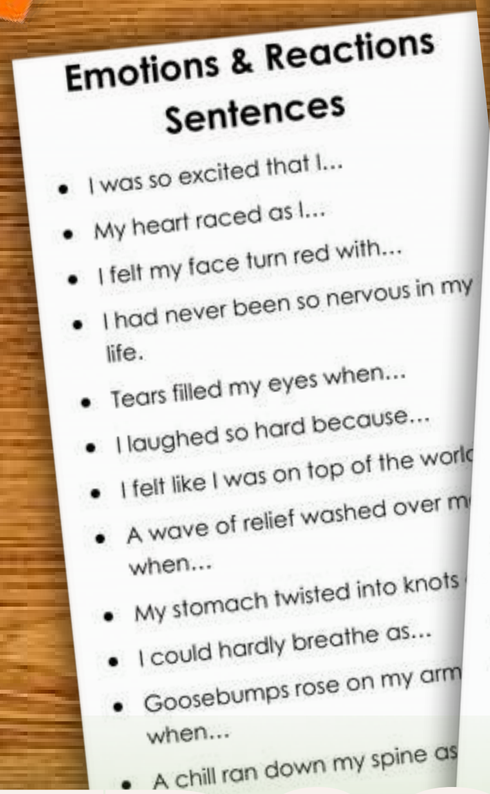
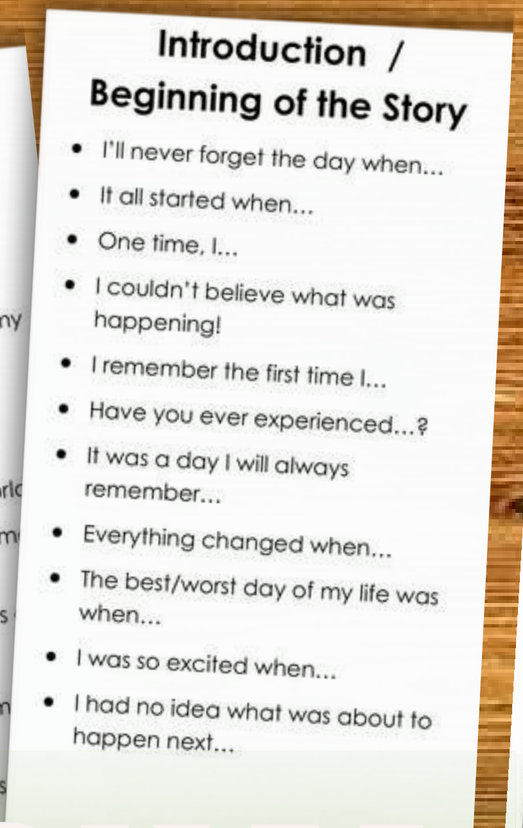
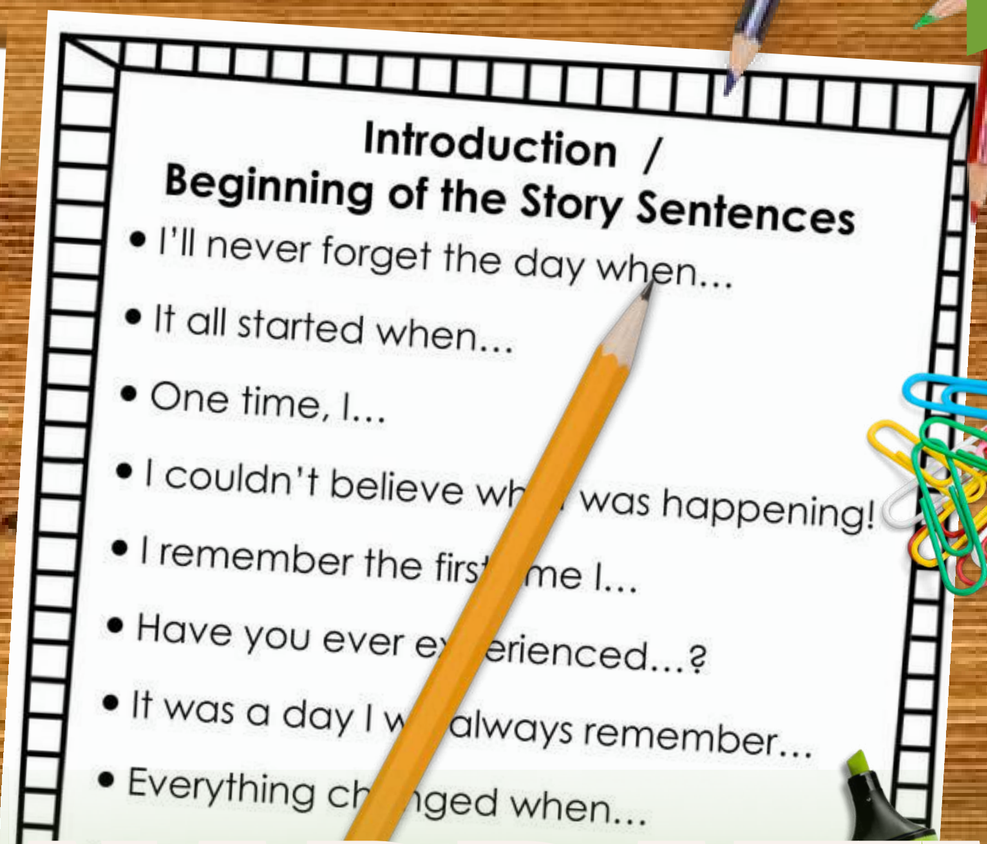
HELP YOUNG WRITERS TURN EXPERIENCES INTO MEANINGFUL PERSONAL NARRATIVES!

GRADES 3–5

PERSONAL NARRATIVE SENTENCE STARTERS







KEEP SCROLLING TO SEE WHAT'S INSIDE!

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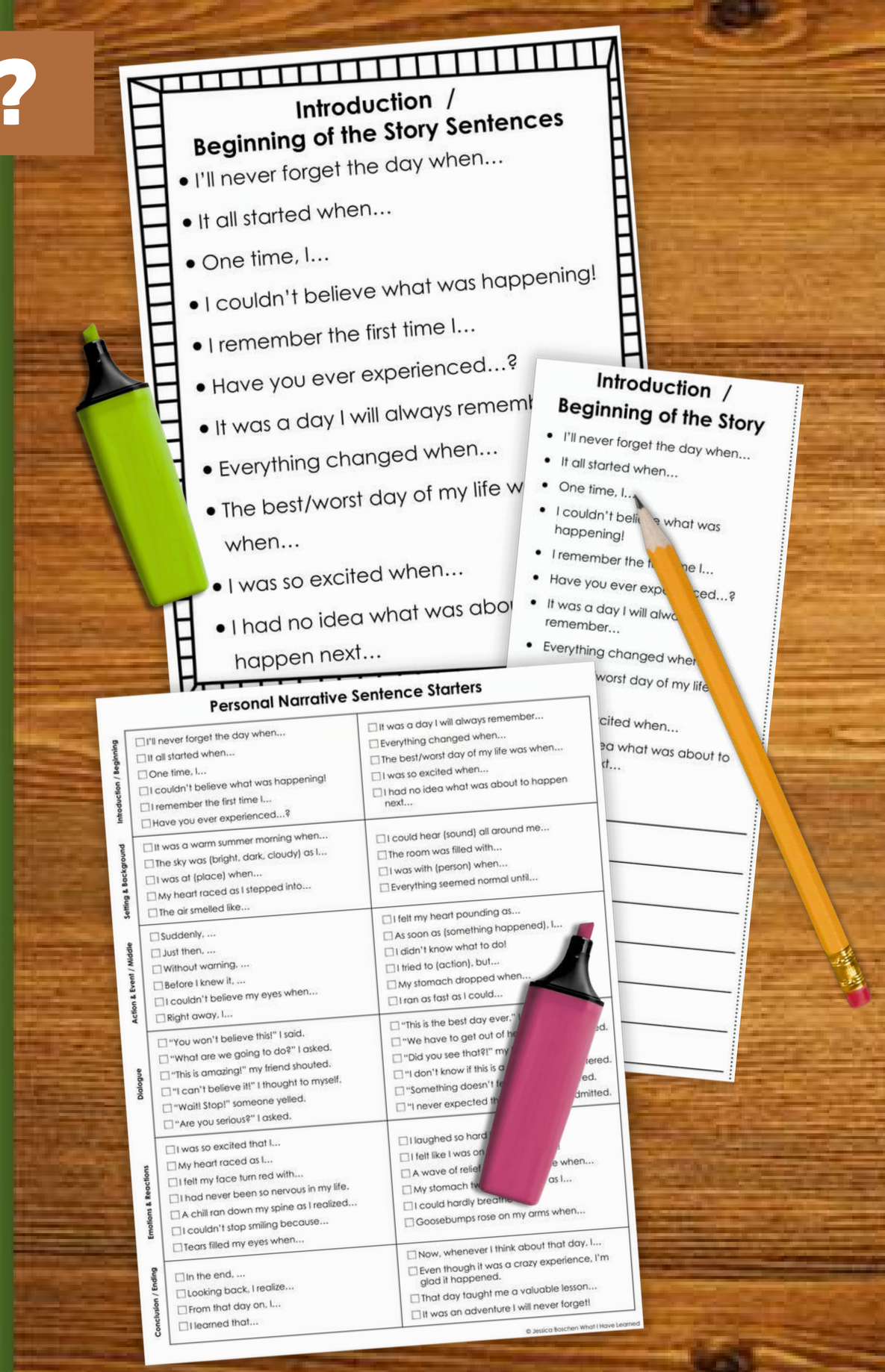
OPINION-WRITING SUPPORT

- 6 Full-Page Anchor Charts
- 6 Two-Per-Page Student References
- Student Writing Lines for Personal
- Examples
- 1 All-in-One Quick Reference Sheet
- 1 Cut-and-Sort Activity
- Teacher Guide with Classroom Ideas

6 PERSONAL NARRATIVE SECTIONS

Beginning • Setting & Background • Action & Events • Dialogue • Emotions & Reactions • Conclusion

16-PAGE RESOURCE



SUPPORT FOR EVERY PART OF THE STORY

INTRODUCTION

Introduction / Beginning of the Story Sentences

- I'll never forget the day when...
- It all started when...
- One time, I...
- ...was happening!
- Have you ever...
- It was a day I will always remember...
- Everything changed when...
- The best/worst day of my life was when...

SETTINGS

Setting & Background Sentences

- It was a warm summer morning when...
- The sky was (bright, dark, cloudy) as I...
- I was at (place) when...
- My heart raced as I stepped into...
- The air smelled like...
- I could hear (sound) all around me...
- The room was filled with...
- I was with (person) when...
- Everything seemed normal until...

ACTION & EVENT

Action & Event Sentences

- Suddenly, ...
- Just then, ...
- Without warning, ...
- Before I knew it, ...
- I couldn't believe my eyes when...
- Right away, I...
- I felt my heart pounding as...
- As soon as (something happened), I...
- I didn't know what to do!
- I tried to (action), but...
- My stomach dropped when...

DIALOGUE

Dialogue Sentences

- You won't believe this!" I said.
- "What are we going to do?" I asked.
- "This is amazing!" my friend shouted.
- "I can't believe it!" I thought to myself.
- "Wait! Stop!" someone yelled.
- "Are you serious?" I asked.
- "This is the best day ever!" I whispered.
- "We have to get out of here—now!" I shouted.
- "...
- "...muttered.
- "Something doesn't feel right," I whispered.

EMOTIONS & REACTIONS

Emotions & Reactions Sentences

- I was so excited that I...
- My heart raced as I...
- I felt my face turn red with...
- I had never been so nervous in my life.
- Tears filled my eyes when...
- I laughed so hard because...
- ...
- A chill ran down my spine as I realized...
- I couldn't stop smiling because...

CONCLUSION SENTENCE

Conclusion Sentences

- In the end, ...
- Looking back, I realize...
- From that day on, I...
- I learned that...
- Now, whenever I think about that day, I...
- Even though it was a crazy experience, I'm glad it happened.
- That day taught me a valuable lesson...
- It would...
- That...
- If I could...would...
- I will always...
- Walking away from that moment, I knew things would never be the same.
- No matter how much time passes, I will never forget what happened.

CHOOSE THE FORMAT THAT FITS YOUR CLASSROOM!

FULL-PAGE ANCHOR CHARTS

Display during lessons or writing time.

TWO-PER-PAGE REFERENCES

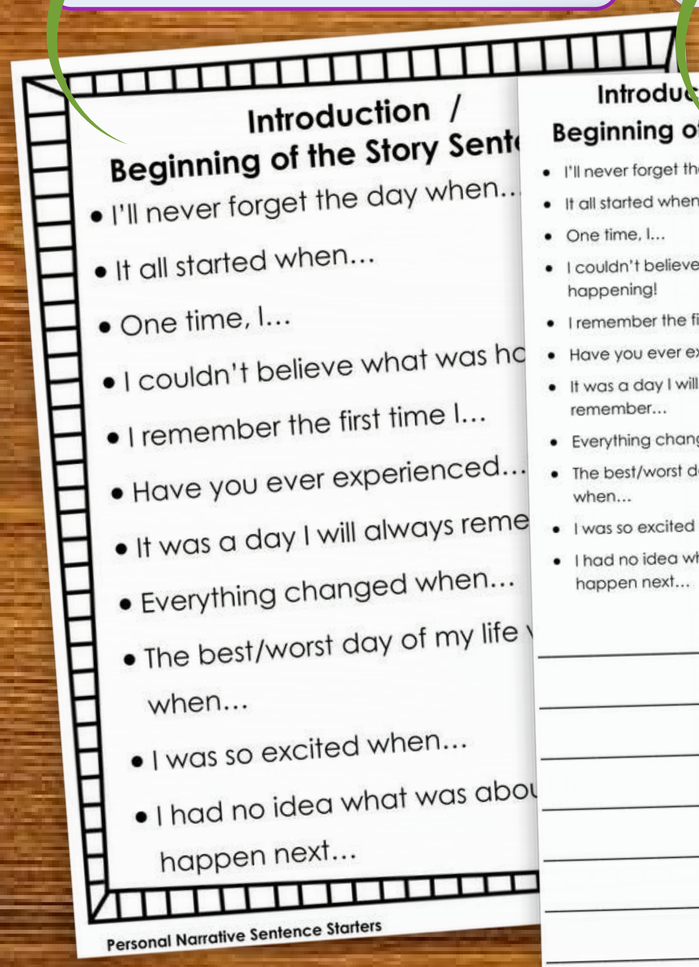
Perfect for notebooks and writing folders.

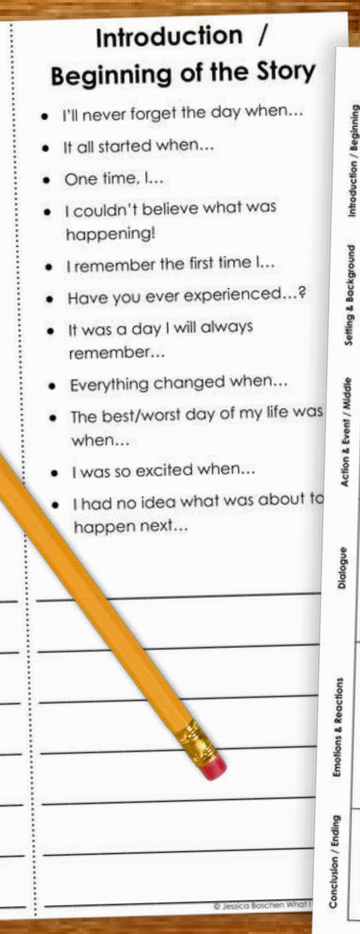
ALL-IN-ONE QUICK REFERENCE

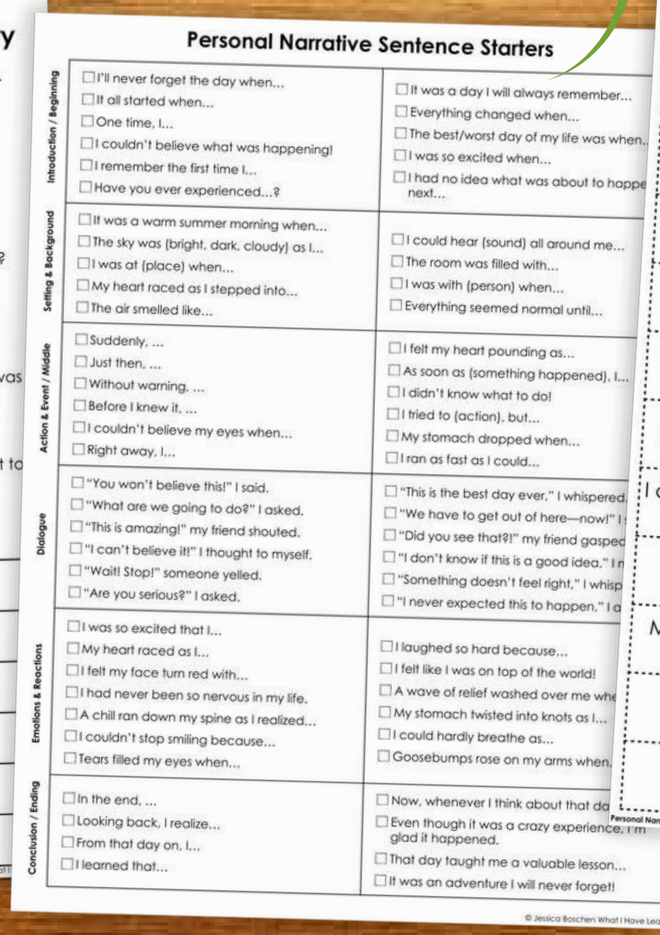
Access every narrative section on one page.

CUT-AND-SORT ACTIVITY

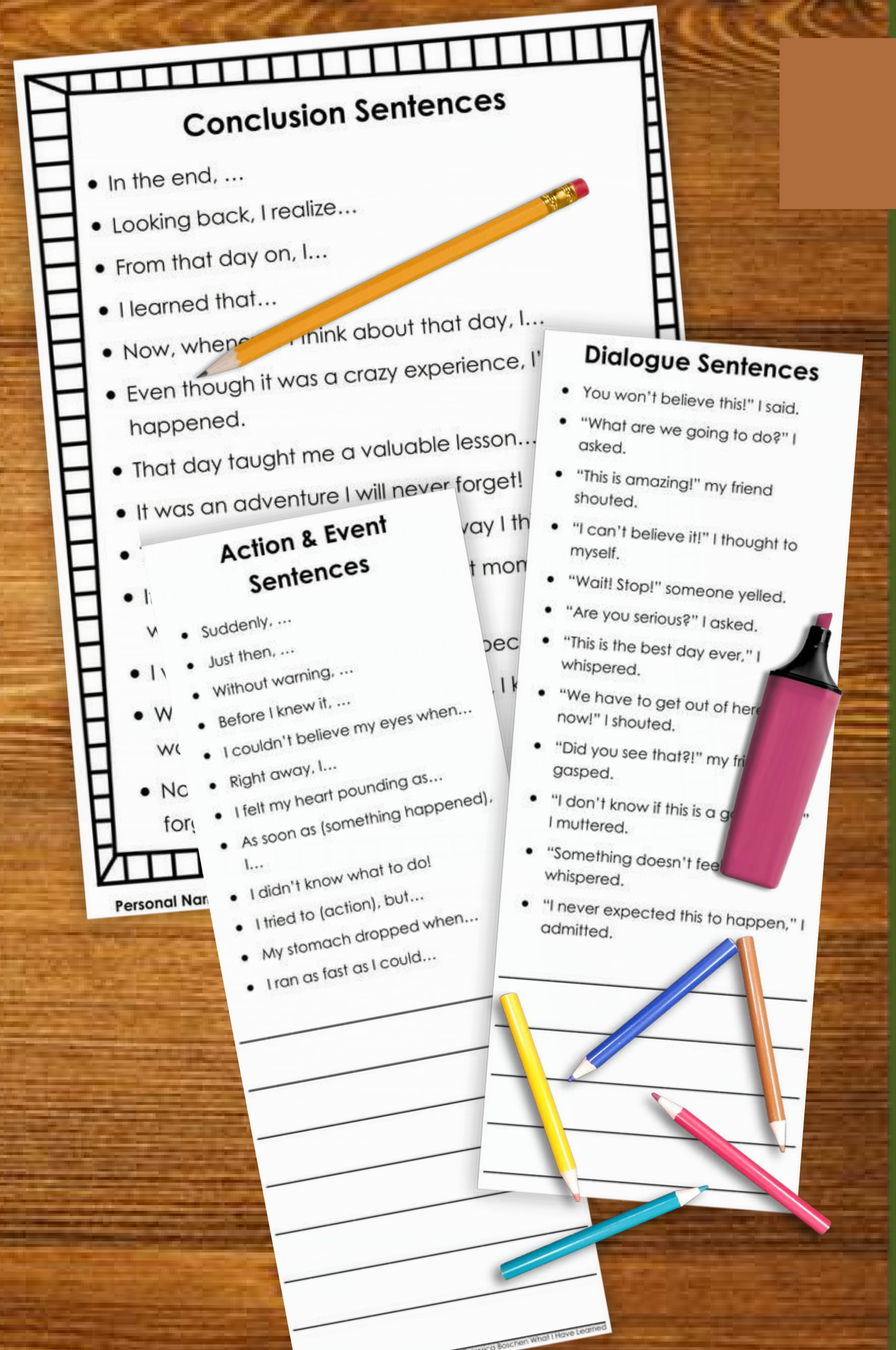
Sort sentence starters by their purpose.











WAYS TO USE IN THE CLASSROOM

- **ANCHOR CHARTS –** Display during opinion-writing lessons.
- **WRITING JOURNALS –** Add student copies to notebooks or folders.
- **WRITING CENTERS –** Keep prompts accessible for independent opinion writing.
- **COUNTERARGUMENT PRACTICE –** Consider opposing views and practice thoughtful responses.
- **SENTENCE SORTING –** Categorize sentence starters by their purpose.
- **SCAFFOLDED WRITING –** Support hesitant writers as confidence grows.

YOU WILL LOVE THIS BECAUSE



Builds Writing Confidence

Sentence starters help hesitant writers begin personal stories and express meaningful experiences with greater confidence.



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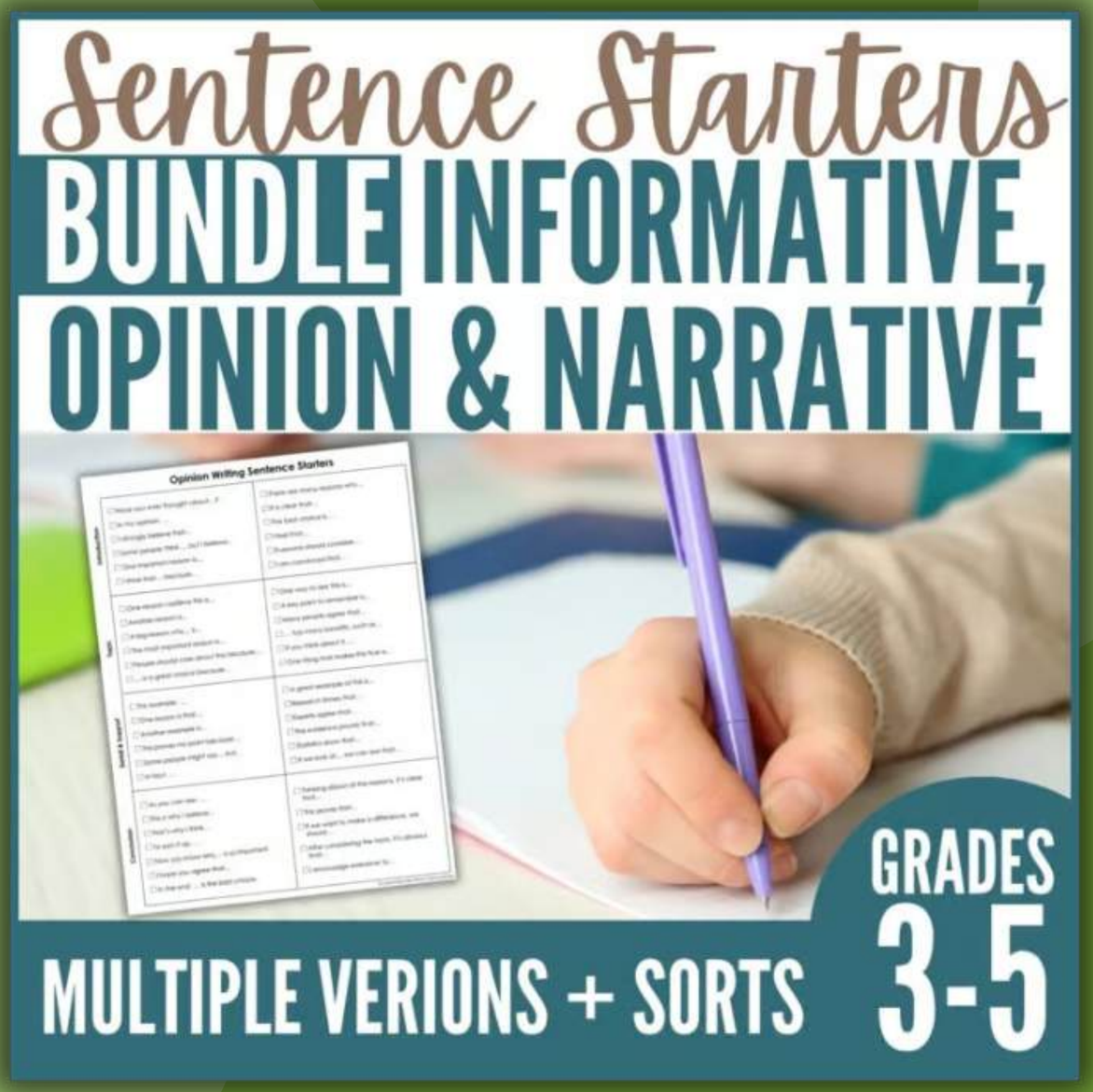
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