# Text Structures: A Growing Collection

The Story of My Thinking							
What I used to think		But this happened	So	So now I think			
A Memory							
Where you were	Moment it started	I Next moment		What you thought			
A Colorized Memory							
Where you were (dramatized)	Moment it started (dramatized)	Next moment (dramatized)	The final moment (dramatized)	What you thought			
A Completely Made up Story							
Moment involving Moment w character(s) problem a		I I (unsuccessfully) to I I		How the characters solve it (or deal with it)			
A Fable							
Animals doing something	Conversation between the animals	Action	Result	Moral			

### Sequel to a Fable

Moral of original fable

But the next day the animals said

And this happened

The result was

New moral

### Comparing Notes (Mine and Others)

Some people think

And other people think

But I think

What that tells me

### Tevye's Debate

On one hand

On the other hand

But on the other hand

But on the other hand

How I can be guided when the choice is so tough

# Evolution of a Term (word or phrase in the prompt)

What the word meant to me when I was 4

What I was a little older

What the word means to me now

What the word will probably mean when I am \_\_\_\_ (pick an age)

# Tribute to the Person Who Taught me Something

What the lesson is

Flashback to the lesson

Description of the person

Lyrics or words you can remember that person saying (on the subject)

What I wish I could find out now from that person

# The Onion - Unlayering What We Know

One (real) belief something we know

How do I know this? (Tell one way, one thing that happened) If that had not happened, how else would you know it?

If that had not happened how else would you know it

# Insight Garden/The 11-minute essay

An insight about life

One illustration from literature

One illustration from a movie

An illustration from my life

I wonder

### Pet Peeve

What you saw first What you said to yourself

What else you saw

What you decided

What you know now

### I Will Never

I will never ...

If I did ...

This would cause ...

I've seen it before like when ... So I have decided that ...

I will probably change my mind if ...

### Replacement

I need to replace my ...

I used to ...

Now it doesn't ...

A new one

However ...

And so ...

### Shopping List

I need to buy ...

Without it ...

This would cause ...

Eventually ...

And so ...

I only hope ...

# A time you watched someone else do something on your won't-do list

I don't think I will ever ... I don't understand how someone could ...

It's true that ... And so it's so true that ...

However ...

So ...

### Prized Possession

I just couldn't do without ...

It has the most ...

It has ...

Before I had it ...

That's why ...

Without it, I would ...

# Conversation: One thing you and your friends talk about

When I was young, I wondered about ...

I thought that probably ...

Since then ...

All I really need to know now is ...

Eventually I'll ...

# Curiosity: One thing you'd like to know about

I have sometimes wondered about ...

I know that ...

I also know

But I can't figure out how ...

Even so, I will always ...

# Competency: Something you can do well

I've never/always considered myself a ...

But then ...

That's when ...

So now ...

### Conversation: Comparing notes

Some people think ...

Other people think ...

I think ...

What I wonder is ...

# Work moment (Frustrating or Satisfying)

Where you were

What you were doing

What you heard/saw

What good (or frustrating) thing happened

What surprised you

# Going Against the Grain

Some people think

This seems to happen because ...

However I believe ...

But I know people feel strongly ...

Even so I will always ...

Contributed by Christi Gonzales

## Alternative Solution

Problem

Conventional solution

The problem with that

Another solution

### David Brooks Editorials

This happened

An obvious way to think about it is ...

The problem with that view is ...

A better way to look at it would be ...

contributed by Thomas Newkirk

# Giving an Award

Who you choose

One quality they have

One moment where you saw that quality

How that affected you then

What you think of that person still

Contributed by Theresa Phelps

# Favorite Activity

I like to

My first experience with it

How you do/play it How it makes you feel

Positive results

Contributed by Theresa Phelps

Ethos				
You know (of) this person	You trust this person	This person says	It must be true	
Pathos				
We value these things Look what happened		Isn't that sad	We must do this	
Logos				
Here is a point Reason/Evide		Proven theories	So	
Syllogism				
If this is true  And this is true  Then this must be true				
Cicero's arrangem	ent (dispositio)			
Who you are and what you want	cts of the case	t should be done Flaws in opposi arguments	ng Summary and next steps	

Confirmatio

Narratio

Refutatio

Exordium

Peroratio

### Curiosity

I have wondered ...

I figured out that ...

Then I also figured out

Last I figured out ... This all means that

What you can do about it

Robin Pool

### Doing Something 101

Truism

Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

Step 4

Results (with image)

Robert Schuler

### History of Something

Why this is

When this happened

What people thought then

What people think now

Loretta Anderson

### Problem/Solution

Why people deliver messages like this

Our deep belief How things are supposed to work

The problem

Proof

What we have tried (unsuccessfully)

Our solution

Declaration of Independence

### Dilemma

Choice:
Staying the
same or
changing

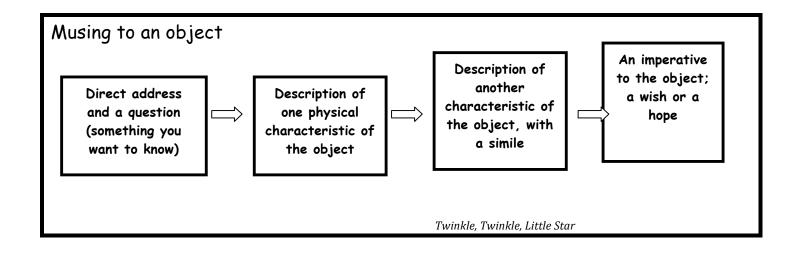
What change would mean

Biggest disadvantage of change Biggest disadvantage of staying the same

How change might make it worse What happens if you just don't decide

Hamlet - Act 3, Scene 1

### Now Introducing What Reasons it is One person's But one Data to How the moment using problem the problem the a good idea support the thing works thing solves the thing thing creates anyway purpose From Drive Cam Article



### Text Structures Invented by Kids

# Hindsight Reflections

This bad situation happened

How I should have reacted

Rather than making the best of a bad situation, how I did react

Now I know

Amanda Grosch

### Seeking an Answer

I had this question

I asked somebody for an answer

I asked somebody else to confirm the previous answer I tested out the answer for myself with this experience

What I learned from my experience

Giovanni Ocasio

# Deception

I saw this happen

And so I did this

But then I realized

So now I know

Destiny Costly

### We Agreed

I said this

And she/he said that

But we both agree on this

Eric Flores

### The Right Choice

My problem

What my friend thinks
I should do

So I decided to ...

Now I think

Rebecca Dschuden

# Why We Do Things

This event happened

It caused me to be in this mood

Which caused this to happen

So now I know

Shawn St. Hilaire

# Wishful Thinking

One problem in the world

Why it is this way

What you wish it would be like

Gisela Navarro

# Maturing Thoughts (over a key word in the prompt)

How important it was to you when you were \_\_\_\_\_(young)

How important it was to you when you were \_\_\_\_\_(older)

How important it is to you now

How your thoughts changed as you grew older

Marissa LaRochelle

### The Unexpected Reaction

What I said

How the listener reacted

What I learned

Samantha Runnels

### Action Up

I used to act like this

Then I went through this

Which made me consider the future like this

So now I act like this

Casey Towle

# Explanation of a Term

Dictionary like definition Your personal definition

What feeling you get from it What others make you think

Example in society today

Anther example (optional)

Cary Inzerello

### Following a Path

Where I started out in life

Where I found myself

Where I am now

Where I might be in the future

Rebekah Long

# A Box of Chocolates

What happened

What you expected to get

What you really got

How you reacted

Marco Vidarri

# Influences and Consequences

I was taught this

But I was influenced by this

So I did this

And the Consequences were this

Adam Saenz

### A Bad Choice

A choice you made

What happened after that choice

Things you learned later about that choice

What you think now about that choice you made

Joseph Kidder

### Never Ever

What I've never done

Why I've never done it

Will I ever do it?

Adrian Martinez

### **Temptations**

How someone else was tempted

So I was tempted

So then we did this

Then this happened

Then this happened

Tabitha Flores

### True Friends

My friend would always do this

So I believe this about them

Then over time, they started/stopped doing this

So now I think this about them

Dash Dalrymple

### **Anxiety**

A fear I have ...

What made me scared ...

Will I be scared in the future?

Amanda Garza

# Change of Heart

Because I thought this ...

I used to feel this ...

But this happened ...

So now I feel this ...

Which makes me think that ...

Anissa Castaña

### Discovering the Fireworks What it made What the spectacular Why it made you How it made you feel event was feel that way you realize A. J. Ouellette Wrong Assumption I made this wrong Something happened as I learned the truth So now I believe a consequence assumption Diana Diaz Garden of Eden One time long ago As time passed Now ... Tara Coleman Expert Testimony According to According to this So now I think ... But according to me ... this person other person ... LaQuette Barksdale

# Alternate Choices I can either do this ... Or I can do this I choose \_\_\_\_\_\_ because Marisa Farias

### Elimination or Confirmation

I've never been sure if

But I've always suspected

Because once I experienced

Which made me think that

And finally I realized

Michael Gonzalez

### Sensory Associations

When I heard/smell/see ...

It reminds me of ...

Which makes me feel ...

Because ...

Julee Lanum

### The Evolution of a Habit

I used to have this habit

Because I thought this

But then this happened

As a result, the habit was

Alexander Burke

### The Real Deal

I saw someone

I assumed ...

When actually ...

So now I understand ...

Amber Wojtek

# What is it? (Defining a Word)

Is it this?

Or this?

Or this?

A memory

Which makes me realize it's this

Adrian Martinez

# Confusing Testimony

Someone told me (an inaccurate thing)

Then I checked I with someone else

And that person set me straight

How I explain that 1<sup>st</sup> person's misinformation

Alexander Burke

### Yellow Brick Road

This (bad thing) happened

And this is how I reacted

Then later something similar happened

So, reflecting on my prior experience, this time I did this instead

Nathan McCann

# Find and Truth Through Experience

I heard this

But I thought the opposite

Then I had this experience

Now I think this

Nathan Hay

### Not on my Nerves Any More

I used to hate it when other people ...

But then I realized I also did it

So now when I see other people doing it I remember that ...

Tricia Asher

# Crossing the River Again

A recurring challenge

How the challenge first came up

But since then this happened

How I now meet the challenge

How it still challenges me

Clayton Graham

# Use Your Noodle

I was taught this

What I thought about what I was taught

But this happened

So what I now think about what I was taught

Brianna Cook

### You Never Know

I assumed ...

But it turned out ...

So now I think

Matt Cadena

### The Idea

I think about a ...

I ask other people what they think

We put our thought together

We came up with a final decision

Leanna Hernandez

# Day Dreamer

Sometimes I'm thinking a lot about

What made me think it

What this thought means

Sarah Crickmore

### With This in Mind

One true thing

With this in mind, it will not be possible for

One hardship that will create

So now I wonder

Ashley Brzostowski

# The Game

There was a perfect time when ...

But then ...

Now I know ...

Stacey Arias

# Making a Change

One thing I wanted to change

What was stopping me

Even thought I know this ...

So ...

Samantha Ross

# Thinking Hurts

This happened

Which caused this

Which made this happen

Which caused this

Which made me think this

Stephen Crisp

# Faith in Spite of Experience

Despite this repeated bad thing happening ...

I know that ...

So I will do this

Carmen Garcia

# Wisdom Tug-of-War

I was always told to ...

Then I actually wanted

In order to keep me on the right path

But instead I

I slowly realized

Bernard Gottschalk

### Your Actions

Something makes you too confident in this belief

Your actions cause a downfall

So now, you act like this

Because now you believe

Marcus Garcia

# Deciding Through Diverse Opinions

We did this

I thought it was a bad idea because

But others thought differently

So together we concluded

So we did this

Megan Morefield

# Changing Gears

\_\_\_\_\_ is (characteristic)

One thing they did that shows this

When asked why he/she behaved in this manner

Gradually

To this day ...

Inspired by Elise Leal

### Wo ... Wo ... Wonder

I used to wonder

Because

Be then this happened

So I no longer wonder; now I think ...

Re'Shelle Kibler

# Line of Thought

One time this happened

Which made this happen

Which made me realize this

So this happened

Chris Clay

# Seeing is Believing

What I did first

But then I saw

And that made me think

So then I did this ...

Molly Pierce and Sarah Sinclair

### She Saw

She saw ...

And she thought

I saw the same thing

And I thought

So I guess

Adria Warner

### Who Reacted When

Why this happened

How this happened

When this happened

What people thought about it

Alex Blue

### Metamorphosis

How you felt before it happened

How you felt while it was happening

How you felt after it happened

How you feel now

What you believe now

Kelsey Mahan

### What the Heck

My friends did this

I thought about it

I believe

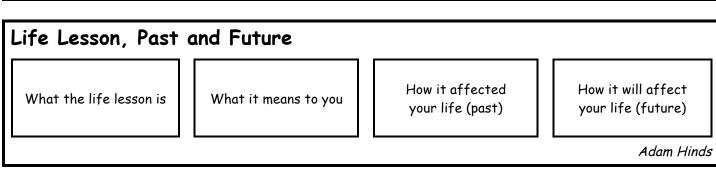
I did this

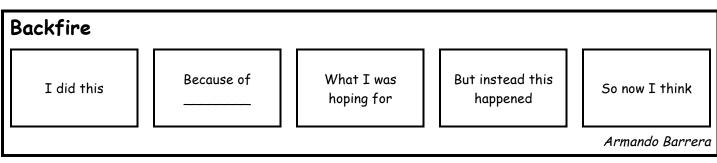
They reacted like this

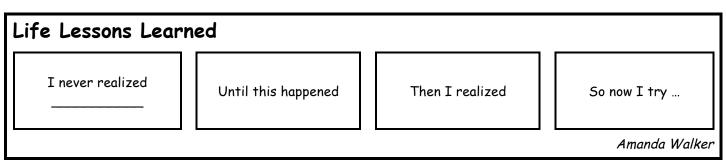
So now, we ...

Casey Lewis

### The Influence of We What I thought What others How I felt about about my What I thought thought about my What I know this thought thoughts after thoughts others told me what they thought Sarah Chu Cause and Effect I did this It caused this Now I know this Celeste Ramirez







# Discovering A Lie

Someone told me

So I believed

Then I found out

So now I think/know

Alyssa Flores

# Changing Your Mind

I believe this

But society proved me wrong by doing this

So then I believe this

But then this happened

So now I believe this

Greg Herbst

### I Wish

I wish that

But I know

And knowing this

Makes me believe ...

Steven Young

# Arguing

I said this ...

They said that ...

We argued because of

How we resolve it

Now I think this

Remy Locasio

### Then What?

One way I got in trouble

After that this happened

Then this happened

I was thinking about my consequences

So now I think

Artemis Martinez and Justin Garza