Text Structures: A Growing Collection

The Story of My Thinking

- What I used to think
- But this happened
- So now I think

A Memory

- Where you were
- Moment it started
- Next moment
- Final 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 character(s)
- Moment when a problem arises
- How the characters try (unsuccessfully) to solve the problem
- 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

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<th>Moral of original fable</th>
<th>But the next day the animals said</th>
<th>And this happened</th>
<th>The result was</th>
<th>New moral</th>
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### Comparing Notes (Mine and Others)

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<th>Some people think</th>
<th>And other people think</th>
<th>But I think</th>
<th>What that tells me</th>
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### Tevye’s Debate

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<th>On one hand</th>
<th>On the other hand</th>
<th>But on the other hand</th>
<th>But on the other hand</th>
<th>How I can be guided when the choice is so tough</th>
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### Evolution of a Term (word or phrase in the prompt)

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<th>What the word meant to me when I was 4</th>
<th>What I was a little older</th>
<th>What the word means to me now</th>
<th>What the word will probably mean when I am ____ (pick an age)</th>
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### Tribute to the Person Who Taught me Something

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<th>What the lesson is</th>
<th>Flashback to the lesson</th>
<th>Description of the person</th>
<th>Lyrics or words you can remember that person saying (on the subject)</th>
<th>What I wish I could find out now from that person</th>
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### The Onion – Unlayering What We Know

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<th>One (real) belief something we know</th>
<th>How do I know this? (Tell one way, one thing that happened)</th>
<th>If that had not happened, how else would you know it?</th>
<th>If that had not happened how else would you know it?</th>
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### Insight Garden/The 11-minute essay

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<th>An insight about life</th>
<th>One illustration from literature</th>
<th>One illustration from a movie</th>
<th>An illustration from my life</th>
<th>I wonder</th>
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### Pet Peeve

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<th>What you saw first</th>
<th>What you said to yourself</th>
<th>What else you saw</th>
<th>What you decided</th>
<th>What you know now</th>
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### I Will Never

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<th>I will never ...</th>
<th>If I did ...</th>
<th>This would cause ...</th>
<th>I've seen it before like when ...</th>
<th>So I have decided that ...</th>
<th>I will probably change my mind if ...</th>
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### Replacement

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<th>I need to replace my ...</th>
<th>I used to ...</th>
<th>Now it doesn’t ...</th>
<th>A new one would ...</th>
<th>However ...</th>
<th>And so ...</th>
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### 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 that ... | 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/Evidence | Proven theories | So |

**Syllogism**

| If this is true | And this is true | Then this must be true |

**Cicero’s arrangement (dispositio)**

| Exordium | Narratio | Confirmatio | Refutatio | Peroratio |
| Who you are and what you want | Facts of the case | What should be done (your position) | Flaws in opposing arguments | Summary and next steps |
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

One person’s moment using the thing
What problem the thing solves
How the thing works
But one problem the thing creates
Reasons it is a good idea anyway
Data to support the purpose

Musing to an object

Direct address and a question (something you want to know)
Description of one physical characteristic of the object
Description of another characteristic of the object, with a simile
An imperative to the object: a wish or a hope

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star
### Text Structures Invented by Kids

#### Hindsight Reflections

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<th>This bad situation happened</th>
<th>How I should have reacted</th>
<th>Rather than making the best of a bad situation, how I did react</th>
<th>Now I know</th>
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_Amanda Grosch_

#### Seeking an Answer

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<th>I had this question</th>
<th>I asked somebody for an answer</th>
<th>I asked somebody else to confirm the previous answer</th>
<th>I tested out the answer for myself with this experience</th>
<th>What I learned from my experience</th>
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_Giovanni Ocasio_

#### Deception

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<th>I saw this happen</th>
<th>And so I did this</th>
<th>But then I realized</th>
<th>So now I know</th>
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_Destiny Costly_

#### We Agreed

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<th>I said this</th>
<th>And she/he said that</th>
<th>But we both agree on this</th>
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_Eric Flores_

#### The Right Choice

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<th>My problem</th>
<th>What my friend thinks I should do</th>
<th>So I decided to ...</th>
<th>Now I think</th>
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_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

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**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

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**A Box of Chocolates**

| What happened | What you expected to get | What you really got | How you reacted |

Marco Vidarri

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**Influences and Consequences**

| I was taught this | But I was influenced by this | So I did this | And the Consequences were this |

Adam Saenz

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**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

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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 Castañá
Discovering the Fireworks

- What the spectacular event was
- How it made you feel
- Why it made you feel that way
- What it made you realize

A. J. Ouellette

Wrong Assumption

- I made this wrong assumption
- Something happened as a consequence
- I learned the truth
- So now I believe

Diana Diaz

Garden of Eden

- One time long ago
- As time passed
- Now ...

Tara Coleman

Expert Testimony

- According to this person
- According to this other person ...
- But according to me ...
- So now I think ...

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 1st 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 that

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 ____ so
- I did this
- They reacted like this
- So now, we …

_Casey Lewis_
**The Influence of We**

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<th>What I thought</th>
<th>How I felt about this thought</th>
<th>What others thought about my thoughts</th>
<th>What I thought about my thoughts after others told me what they thought</th>
<th>What I know</th>
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_Sarah Chu_

**Cause and Effect**

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<th>I did this</th>
<th>It caused this</th>
<th>Now I know this</th>
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_Celeste Ramirez_

**Life Lesson, Past and Future**

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<th>What the life lesson is</th>
<th>What it means to you</th>
<th>How it affected your life (past)</th>
<th>How it will affect your life (future)</th>
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_Adam Hinds_

**Backfire**

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<th>I did this</th>
<th>Because of ________</th>
<th>What I was hoping for</th>
<th>But instead this happened</th>
<th>So now I think</th>
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_Armando Barrera_

**Life Lessons Learned**

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<th>I never realized __________</th>
<th>Until this happened</th>
<th>Then I realized</th>
<th>So now I try …</th>
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_Amanda Walker_
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