

# Teacher Instructions

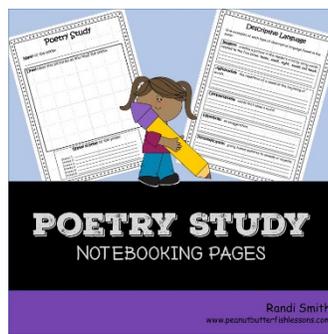
These pages are to help children write fictional stories about their Christmas elf.

The first page, Prewriting Exercise, should be completed before the elf is "staged". The purpose is to help children develop a background for their elf so their stories richer.

The second page, Story Organizer, is to be completed for each story your children write. The top half helps children plan the key story elements and the bottom half helps them organize their plot in sequential order. There may be overlap between the information written in the top and bottom.

Once children have planned out their story, they can write it at what ever level is appropriate for their skills.

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# Prewriting Exercise



Name your elf: \_\_\_\_\_

How old is he? \_\_\_\_\_

Where is he from?: \_\_\_\_\_

Does he have family or friends? \_\_\_\_\_

Does he have a pet? \_\_\_\_\_

What does he do when it is not Christmas time? \_\_\_\_\_

Does he have hobbies or interests? \_\_\_\_\_

List FIVE character traits your elf has:

(Examples: kind, greedy, generous, mischievous, silly, smart, loving, impulsive, loyal, fearful, responsible, irresponsible, serious, proud, etc.)

Any other details about your elf's background:

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# Story Organizer



Describe how you found the elf: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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## DEVELOP YOUR STORY:

### Setting:

When did the story take place?: \_\_\_\_\_

Where did it take place? \_\_\_\_\_

### Characters:

Was anyone else involved? \_\_\_\_\_

### Problem/Resolution:

What was the elf trying to do? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

How?: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### The Plot:

Beginning:

Middle:

End:

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