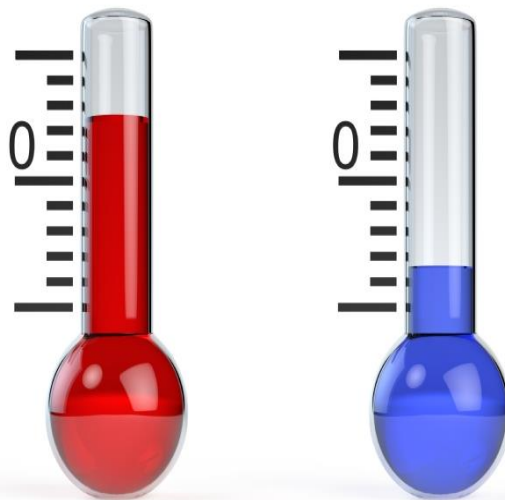


**TOP
TEN
LISTS**



**PRO
TIPS**

**WHAT'S HOT
WHAT'S NOT
REPORTS**



How to Use **The Top 10, Pro Tips,** and **Hot/Not** Templates as Prewrites

These templates can be used across various writing genres (e.g. opinion pieces, research reports, expository essays, etc.)

Step #1

A few weeks (or days) before assigning a formal piece of writing, have students generate *Top 10 Lists*, *Pro Tip Sheets*, and/or *What's Hot, What's Not Reports*. That way, the prewrite portion of the writing process will be finished well before students are introduced to a new assignment!

Step #2

Tell students to circle 2 or 3 of their favorite Top 10, Pro Tip, or Hot/Not entries.

Step #3

Display the format for whatever genre you are teaching or reviewing.

Step #4

Explain that 2 or 3 of the prewrite entries that they circled will become topic sentences for supporting paragraphs.

Step #5

Require students to begin rough drafts based on the circled prewrite entries.

Read the full blog post entitled, “**3 Sneaky Ways to Get Kids Excited About Prewriting**” at:



<http://janiceannemalone.wordpress.com/>

50+ Top Ten Lists for Writers’ Notebooks are also available **HERE**.

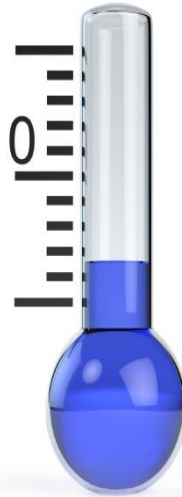


TOP TEN LIST

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

WHAT'S HOT

WHAT'S NOT



HOT

NOT

A large area for writing, divided into two columns by a vertical dotted line. The top of the area is bounded by a horizontal dotted line. The left column is under the 'HOT' label and the right column is under the 'NOT' label.

PRO TIPS

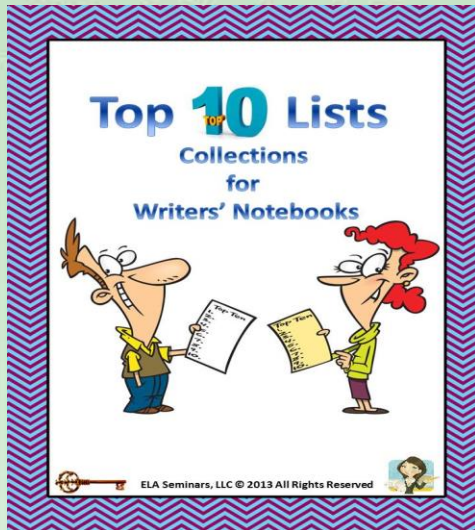


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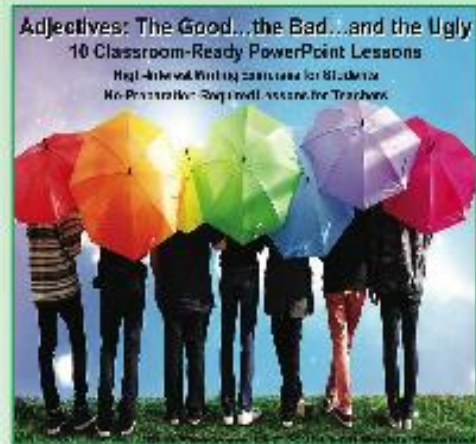
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