

Teaching Text Structures using Songs

Compare and Contrast

- ✘ Let it Go by Idina Menzel (Frozen - 2013) vs. Towards the Sun by Rihanna (*Home* - 2015)
- ✘ When You Wish Upon a Star by Cliff Edwards (*Disney's Pinocchio* - 1940) vs. Somewhere Out There (*An American Tail* - 1986)
- ✘ Hakuna Matata by Elton John and Tim Rice (*The Lion King* - 1994) vs. Don't Worry Be Happy by Bobby McFerrin (1988)
- ✘ Rise Up by Beyoncé (*Epic* - 2013) vs. Shake It Off by Taylor Swift (2014)
- ✘ Roar by Katy Perry (2013) vs. Eye of the Tiger by Survivor (theme song to *Rocky III* - 1982)
- ✘ Turn Around by Hans Zimmer
- ✘ Hot and Cold by Katy Perry
- ✘ I Can't Help Falling in Love by Elvis Presley (similes)

Sequencing

Historical Events

- ✘ Ballad of the Alamo by Mary Robbins
- ✘ The Ballad of Casey Jones
- ✘ Ballad of Davy Crockett by Tennessee Ernie Ford
- ✘ The Battle of New Orleans by Johnny Horton
- ✘ The Wreck of Edmund Fitzgerald by Gordon Lightfoot (1976)

Biographies

- ✘ Coat of Many Colors by Dolly Parton
- ✘ Coal Miner's Daughter by Loretta Lynn
- ✘ Leader of the Band by Dan Fogelberg

Songs that Tell Stories

- ✘ Love Story by Taylor Swift
- ✘ Mary's Song (Oh My My My) by Taylor Swift
- ✘ All-American Girl by Carrie Underwood
- ✘ Jesus Take the Wheel by Carrie Underwood (2005)
- ✘ Just a Dream by Carrie Underwood (2007)
- ✘ Billy Don't Be a Hero by Bo Donaldson and the Heywoods
- ✘ Cat's in the Hat by Harry Chapin (1974)
- ✘ Three Wooden Crosses by Randy Travis (2002)
- ✘ Last Kiss by J. Frank Wilson and the Cavaliers (1964)
- ✘ Boulevard of Broken Dreams by Green Day
- ✘ In the Ghetto by Elvis Presley (1969)
- ✘ The Coward of the County by Kenny Rogers (1979)
- ✘ Wildfire by Michael Martin Murphey (1975)
- ✘ Phantom 309 by Red Sovine (1967)
- ✘ Operator by Jim Croce (1972)

- ✖ Fun, Fun, Fun by the Beach Boys (1964)
- ✖ Ol' Red by Blake Shelton (2001)
- ✖ Unanswered Prayers by Garth Brooks (1990)
- ✖ Baby Girl by Sugarland (2004)
- ✖ The Leader of the Pack by The Shangri-Las (1965)
- ✖ The Ode to Billie Joe by Bobbie Gentry (1967)
- ✖ He Stopped Loving Her Today by George Jones (1980)
- ✖ Honey by Bobby Goldsboro
- ✖ A Day in the Life by The Beatles (1967)
- ✖ Rocky Mountain High by John Denver (1975)

These five songs by Gary Pucket and the Union Gap loosely tell a story, but the content is more appropriate for older students.

- Young Girl
- Lady Willpower
- This Girl is a Woman Now
- Woman Woman
- Over You

Cause and Effect

- ✖ When You Wish Upon a Star by Cliff Edwards (Disney's Pinocchio – 1940)
- ✖ Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh (A Letter from Camp) by Allan Sherman and Lou Busch (1963)
- ✖ It's my Party by Lesly Gore – 1963
- ✖ Spinning Wheels by Blood, Sweat, & Tears
- ✖ The Light by Disturbed
- ✖ If I had a Hammer by Peter, Paul and Mary

Problem and Solution

- ✖ A Horse with No Name by America (1971)
- ✖ Colors of the Wind by Vanessa Williams from Disney's Pocahontas (1995)
- ✖ Hey there Delilah by Plain White T's (2005)
- ✖ Man in the Mirror by Michael Jackson (1987)
- ✖ Skin (Sarabeth) by Rascal Flatts (2004)
- ✖ U.S.A. For Africa - We Are the World
- ✖ Piece by Piece by Kelly Clarkson (2015)
- ✖ Overcomer by Mandisa
- ✖ We Shall Overcome
- ✖ Wake Me Up by Avicci
- ✖ I See Fire by Ed Sheeran
- ✖ I'll Walk by Buck Covington

Compare and Contrast Chart

Title of Song _____

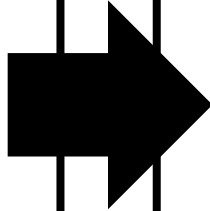
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Cause

Effect

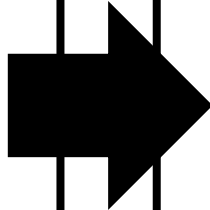
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Handwriting practice box for Effect (top row), containing seven horizontal lines.



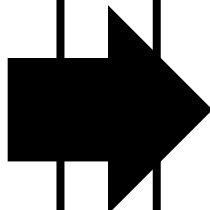
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Handwriting practice box for Effect (middle row), containing seven horizontal lines.



Handwriting practice box for Cause (bottom row), containing seven horizontal lines.

Handwriting practice box for Effect (bottom row), containing seven horizontal lines.



Series of Steps with Illustrations







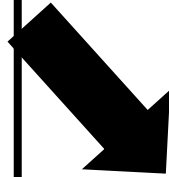






Multiple Problems

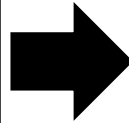
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Solution

A large rounded rectangular box with a thick black border and many horizontal lines for writing.

A rectangular box with a thick black border and six horizontal lines for writing.



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