

IDEAS FOR LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE

USING PICTURE STORY BOOKS

Have students predict what happens next in the story. Have students read details from the pictures. Have students retell the story in their own words. Have students write a dialogue for the pictures. Have students write a text for the story.

COMPOSE PICTURES AND STORY

Using photographs or pictures cut from magazines, present a large supply of pictures for students to select from and have them compose a story with pictures and text. Or have students write captions for the photos or pictures.

CULTURAL STORIES

Have students conduct interviews with people of the students' choices and write the interviews into stories.

COLOR MAGAZINE PICTURES

Present a large number of color pictures cut from magazines and have students pick one that interests them. Use the picture as a trigger for a story by asking, "Why did you pick this picture?" Have students read details from the picture. Have students tell or write a story about the picture. Have students tell a story about one person in the picture. Have students tell or write a story about the emotion the picture evokes.

OTHER REAL-LIFE MATERIALS FOR DEVELOPING WRITERS AND READERS

ads	comic strips	headlines	plays	requests
allegories	contracts	how-to-do-it	poems	resumes
announcements	conversations	interviews	posters	reviews
autobiographies	critiques	job applications	propaganda	sales pitches
awards	definitions	journals	product	schedules
bedtime stories	directions	letters	descriptions	self descriptions
billboards	directories	lists	puppet shows	sequels
biographies	dramas	lyrics	puzzles	serialized stories
book jackets	editorials	magazines	questionnaires	slogans
book reviews	epitaphs	menus	questions	speeches
brochures	encyclopedia	mysteries	quiz games	TV commercials
bulletins	entries	myths	quotations	telegrams
bumper stickers	essays	newscasts	real estate	travel folders
campaign speeches	fables	newspapers	notices	tributes
captions	game rules	obituaries	recipes	vignettes
cartoons	graffiti	pamphlets	remedies	want ads
certificates	grocery lists	parodies	reports	wills