



## Writing Frames

**This strategy can be used to summarize content area information that adheres to a basic structure.**

The following two examples illustrate how writing frames can help students summarize critical content information in an organized fashion with the provision of partially completed sentences and transition words that, over time, can be faded as students become familiar with a particular genre of writing. When introducing students to a writing frame, the teacher should explain its purpose and format and then demonstrate how to use it. The compare-contrast frame is well suited for expository texts in which similarities and differences between ideas, events, people, places, or things are identified. The chronological order frame is best used with information that is temporally sequenced, such as information from a history text. The narrative frame is most appropriate for summarizing core plot elements from a story.

### Sample Compare-Contrast Frame

\_\_\_\_\_ are different from \_\_\_\_\_

In several ways. First, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, while  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Additionally, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, whereas  
\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_. They are alike in that \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_.

So, it is evident that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## Sample Chronological Order Frame

At the end of \_\_\_\_\_, what happened was that \_\_\_\_\_.

Prior to this, \_\_\_\_\_.

Before that, however, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ This whole sequence of events began when \_\_\_\_\_.

The most important event to occur was \_\_\_\_\_.

because \_\_\_\_\_.

## Sample Narrative Plot Frame

In this story, the problem starts when \_\_\_\_\_.

Then, \_\_\_\_\_.

Next, \_\_\_\_\_.

Finally, the problem is solved when \_\_\_\_\_.

In the end, \_\_\_\_\_.

The lesson I learned from reading this story was \_\_\_\_\_.