

Parent Guide to the Standards

Sequential Event Techniques

Today's Standard

11-12.W.3c - Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole and build toward a particular tone and outcome (e.g., a sense of mystery, suspense, growth, or resolution).

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a suspenseful short story; Creating a storyboard for a film; Developing a plot for a novel; Designing a narrative for a video game; Crafting a script for a play

Today I Learned

Today, I learned how to write a story that makes sense and keeps the reader interested by putting events in a special order.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids think that stories always have to be told in the order things happen, but that's not true. Others think using lots of different writing tricks will make the story confusing, but it can actually make the story better.

Quiz Me

- What is a story?
- Can you tell a story out of order?
- What is a flashback?
- Why is it good to use different writing tricks?
- What happens when you put events in a special order?

Help Me

When writing a story, you can make it more fun by putting events in a special order. For example, you can start with something exciting that happens later, or you can use flashbacks to show what happened before. This makes the story interesting and keeps readers wanting to know more.