Mining for Stories

From Snippets to Stories

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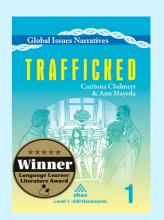
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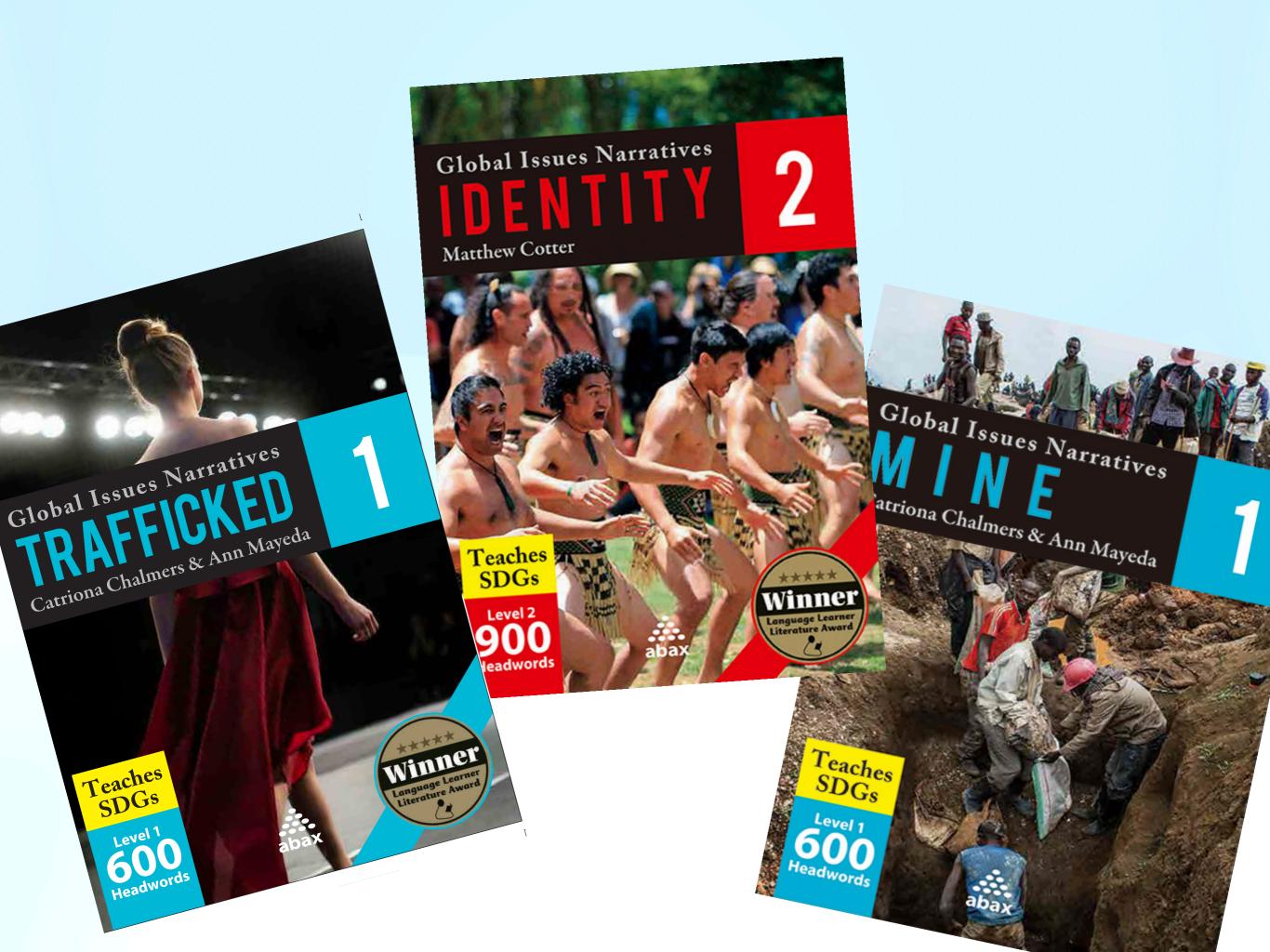
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1 book3 perspectivesreal world topics

Level	Headwords	Word count/story	Word count/book	CEFR
1	600	3000	9000	A 1
2	900	4000	12000	A2
3	1200	5000	15000	B1



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Finding stories in life

Examples of story starters

Oh, you'll never guess what I did the other day. I came out of the bank and there was a strange man in my car......

Someone at the conference calls your name and says, "Wow, it's been so long..."
You have no idea who they are......

A bag of freshly caught fish bursts in the back of your car. Fish and water are everywhere...

The news reports a tiger on the loose in your neighborhood. You hear a low growl and turn to see a tiger staring at you...

Collaborative story writing

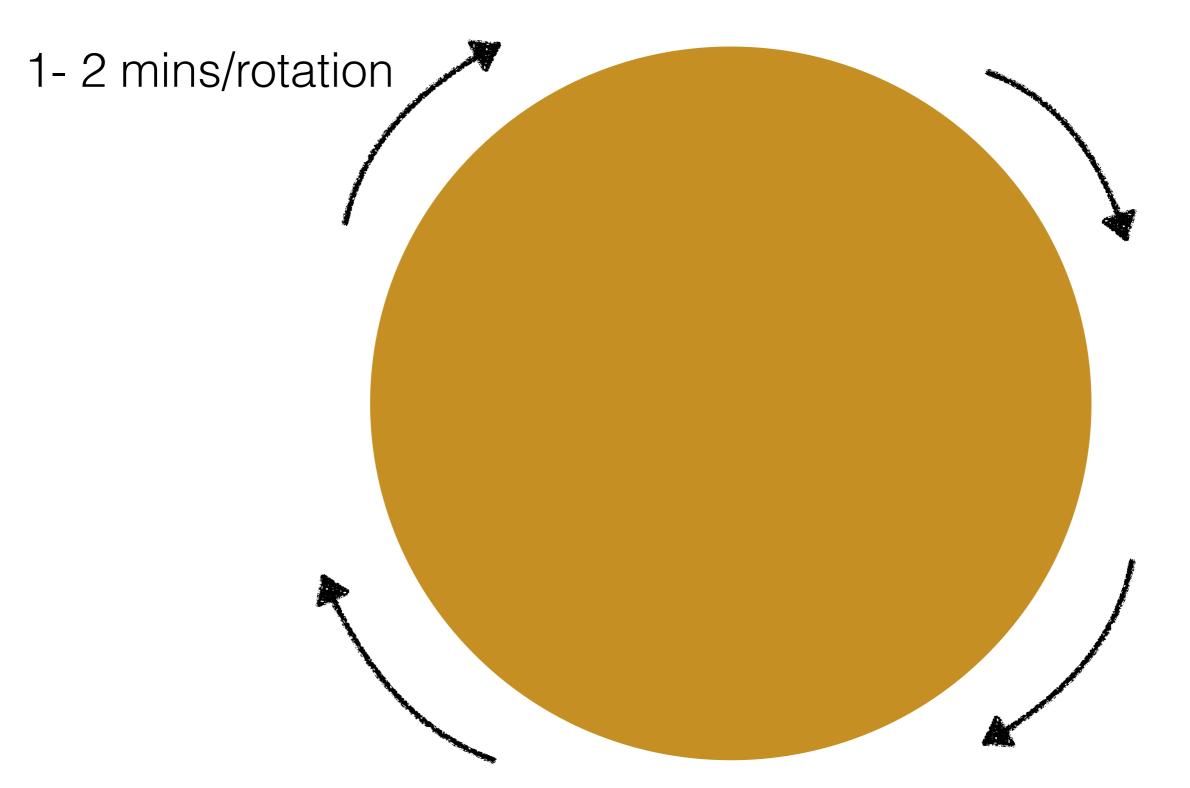
Step 1: Choose **one** story starter & write it in the center



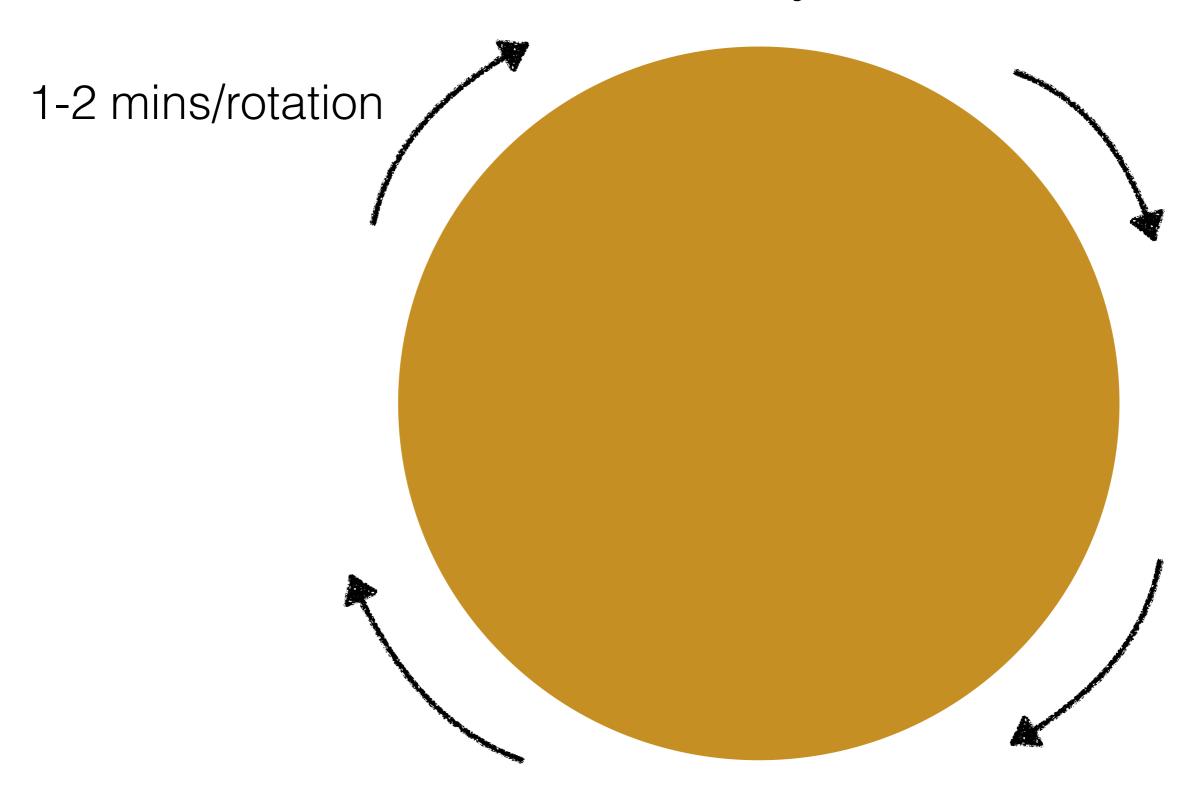
3 minutes

Step 2: Each person writes a continuation of the starter. Oh, you'll never guess what I did the other day. I came out of the bank and I got into the wrong car. 2 minutes

Step 3: Turn table to the left. 1st rotation. Continue on your neighbor's story.



Step 4: Turn table to the left again. 2nd rotation. Continue this story.



Step 5: Turn table to the left again. Third rotation. Continue this story.

1-2 mins/rotation

Step 6: Turn table to the left again. 4th rotation. Now you should be back to what you added first.

Step 6: Share



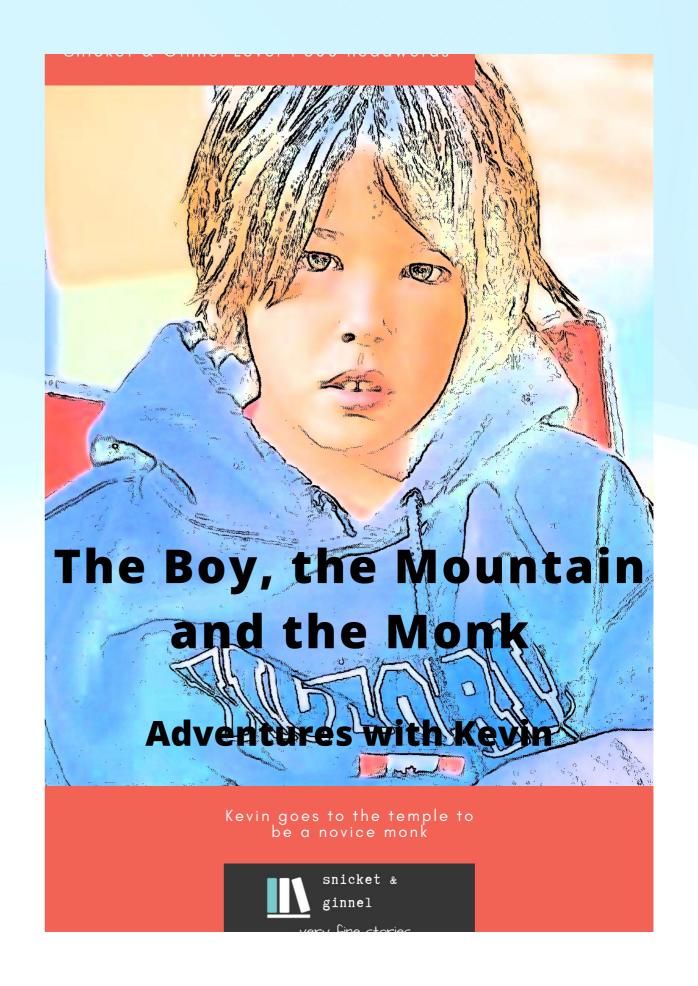
- 1. Now read the stories on your table.
- 2. Which one do you like the best? Each table decides on the best one.

(5 mins)

Choose a spokesperson to share the **one** story from your group (2 mins)



Coming soon!



Story is everything. Leveling and editing can turn your story into a great graded reader, but nothing can fix a bad story.

You don't know a story until you start telling it. The end