**Building Blocks for Writing…**

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| **Main Idea** * **What the story is about / topic**
* **Details refer to the main idea**
* **Lesson or moral**
* **General idea of the story**
* **Purpose—inform, entertain**
* **Stay on topic**
* **Tell why / how something happened**
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| **Story Structure** * **Beginning**
* **Middle**
* **End**
* **Who, what, when, where, why , how**
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| **Word Choice*** **Descriptive**
* **Rich / fifth grade words, not baby words**
* **No “retired”, only lively words**
* **Don’t be redundant**
* **Good grammar**
* **Punctuation / spelling**
* **Homophones are correctly used**
* **Leads the reader into the story**
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