

StoryBoxHub Introduces ...

STORY TOOLS

A NEW
DIGITAL
LITERACY
TOOL!



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Engage students with video lessons packed with writing and story creating tips and tricks!

Lessons delivered by popular, award-winning authors and illustrators sharing their experience, examples and tools for building a great story.

Content that is fun, memorable, short and most importantly, captures and holds students' attention.

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What is Story Tools?

Story Tools is a story writing series that helps students in grades 3-6 master the mechanics of storytelling.

Developed to fill a gap in narrative storytelling in the Australian curriculum, Story Tools supports student creativity, literacy and learning to create confident writers and storytellers.

Story Tools includes short video tutorials presented by some of Australia's best-loved and diverse children's book creators. Each video is accompanied by a full suite of lesson resources to model techniques, engage student interest, and support them with developing writing skills and understandings.





Lessons featuring Australia's most visionary book creators

Anna Walker · Davina Bell · George Ivanoff · Nicki Greenberg · David Booth · Nova Weetman · Lili Wilkinson · Mat Larkin · Melissa Keil · Ben McKenzie · Karys McEwen · Jane Godwin · Adam Wallace · Jess Racklyeft · Bernard Caleo · Mandy Ord · Susannah Chambers · Sasha Beekman · Scott Edgar · Claire Saxby · Jess Mcgeachin · Valanga Khoza · Ailsa Wild · Heidi McKinnon · Andrew McDonald · Shirley Marr · Anna Mcgregor · Campbell Whyte · Elise Hurst · Kirli Saunders · James Foley · Emily Gale · Leanne Hall · Tamala Shelton · Shaun Tan · Aśka · Meg McKinlay





Key benefits for educators

Story Tools is designed by educators for educators, benefitting every learner by:

- Supporting classroom writing programs for Y3—6 students focusing on narrative story writing.
- Offering a comprehensive course forming the basis of the narrative writing unit or flexibility for different classroom needs.
- Including comprehensive educator materials to help scaffold students learning.
- Encouraging library use with lessons designed for the school library.
- Delivering classroom ready content that encourages students to:
 - Engage with books and reading.
 - Expand their reading taste and preferences.
 - Build awareness and understanding of story genres.
 - Gain insights into book development, including ‘behind-the-scenes’ publishing industry secrets.
 - Provide context for students own creative work.





Key benefits for students

Story Tools engages young writers with exciting resources that benefit students by:

- Boosting confidence in their creativity.
- Encouraging them to develop personal connections to their writing.
- Inspiring them to write!
- Providing them with simple and fun tools to overcome creative challenges.
- Supporting them with techniques to plan and structure their writing.
- Providing a real-world application of story making techniques from notable authors and illustrators.
- Enhancing their understanding of the mechanics of narrative story writing with simple breakdowns of concepts and activities that encourage exploration and experimentation.



What educators are saying ...

"Helpful for teachers who need high quality resources."

Karys, Secondary Educator

I love them...the videos were very much en vogue for our students.

Chloe, Primary Educator

Punchy and engaging. Plus activities that are easy roll out!

Amelia, Primary Educator

"It's a great tool to have in the tool box... sometimes a plan isn't going to work, I've got this."

Danielle, Teacher Librarian

"A lot of detail was really useful... covered everything."

*Sally, Teacher Librarian
[On Lesson Plans]*

"Open ended, so versatile across year levels."

Jackie, Primary Educator



How to start using Story Tools

STEP 1
Share a short video with students



STEP 3
Get your students started!



STEP 2
Download the Teacher Pack.
Choose an activity & print the worksheets

RESOURCES

- Teacher Pack**
PRINTABLE RESOURCE
A step-by-step guide for running the lesson activities with your group.
- Activity 1**
PRINTABLE RESOURCE
Downloadable worksheets for Activity 1.
- Activity 2**
PRINTABLE RESOURCE
Downloadable worksheets for Activity 2.
- Additional Activities**
DIGITAL RESOURCE
Want to explore the topic further? Take a look at these extension ideas.
*Best viewed online.
- Reference Materials**
DIGITAL RESOURCE
Posters, examples, references and more to help complete the activities.
*Best viewed online.

FOR LIBRARIES

- Library Resource Pack**
PRINTABLE RESOURCE
Library-focused activity plan, worksheets and resources for this lesson.

Have a question?
Check out our FAQs:



What will you find in a lesson?



Each lesson is packed with features to make delivering the content simple and effective:

A short, engaging video featuring two of Australia's best-loved creators

The screenshot shows a lesson page for 'Story Sparks' in the 'UPPER PRIMARY' series. The main content area features a video player with a 'PLAY' button and a '1' icon. Below the video is a summary of the lesson, including video chapters and learning intentions. The right sidebar contains sections for 'CREATORS' (George Ivanoff and Nova Weetman), 'RESOURCES' (Teacher Pack, Activity 1, Activity 2, Additional Activities, Reference Materials), and 'FOR LIBRARIES' (Library Resource Pack).

Biographies of the two featured creators

A Teacher Pack guide for running the activities.

Printable worksheets and templates for each activity

Additional activity suggestions

Reference posters, examples and display resources to support the activities.

A library-focused package for library classes

A brief summary of the lesson and video chapters

Learning intentions, success criteria, pre and post video discussion questions and Australian Curriculum links



Resource materials to support educators

Designed by educators for educators, Story Tools resources cater for Middle Primary (Y3-4) and Upper Primary (Y5-6).

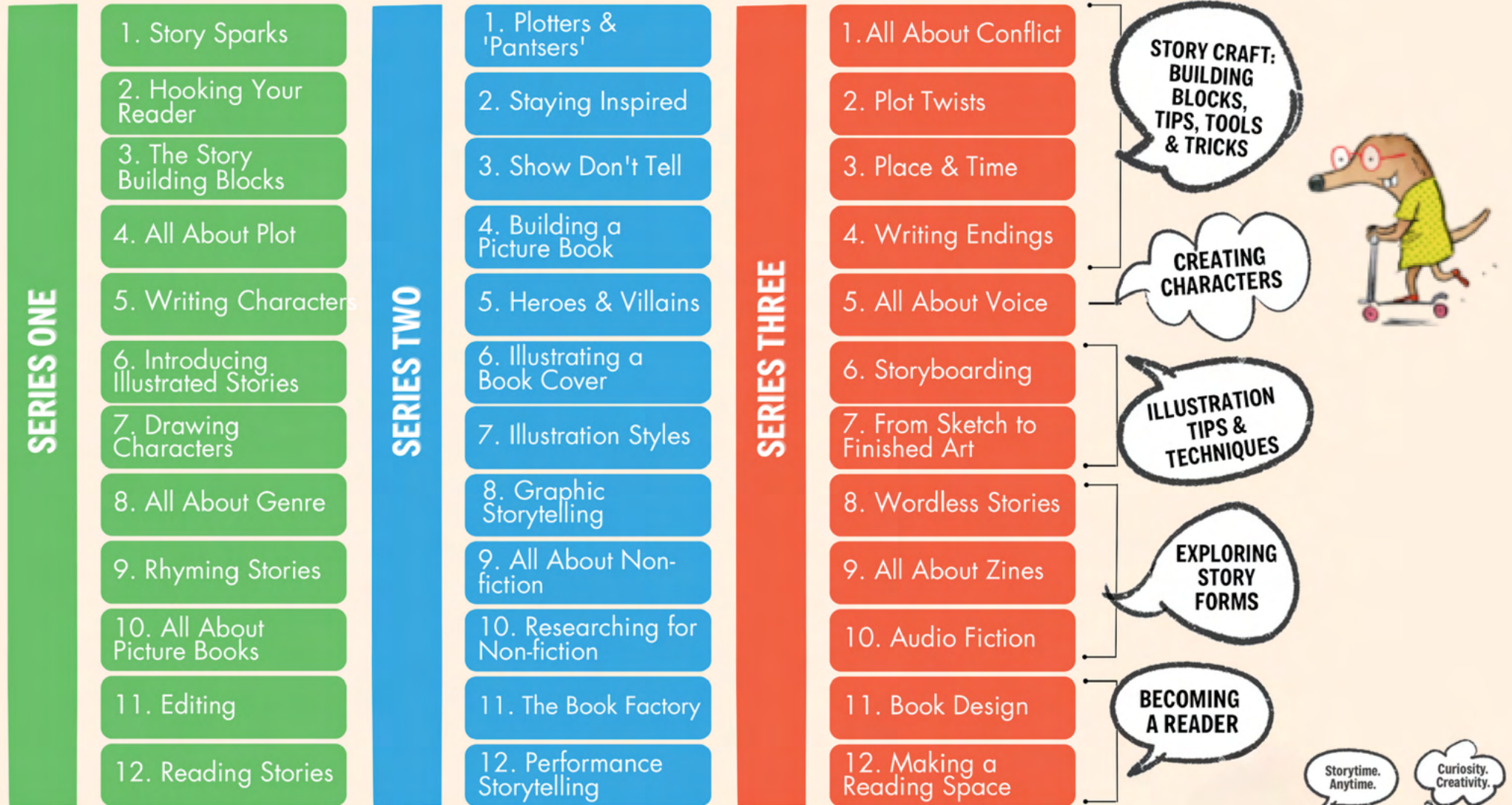
Each lesson includes a comprehensive Middle and Upper primary package, featuring:

- Teacher guides
- Two activities per lesson. Try one or both!
- Worksheets, templates, games and more
- Additional activity/extension ideas
- Examples to model writing
- Writing prompts
- Reference materials for display and discussion



3 series, 36 lessons, 36+ industry experts

Our series covers diverse lesson topics exploring all aspects of storytelling, guided by Australia's most visionary book creators. See our expansive list of lesson topics:





3 ways to integrate Story Tools into lesson plans

We understand that educators plan their learning, language and literacy program months in advance. Our industry experts and educator advisors recommend the following ways to easily integrate Story Tools into your classroom or library:

1

Flexible delivery in any order that best suits your classroom needs, learning objectives or library and writing club delivery. Browse lesson titles and descriptions to identify lessons that support your writing program or school library lessons.

2

Lessons linked to the Australian Curriculum — English, as well as General Capabilities such as Critical and Creative Thinking. All relevant curriculum links are listed for each lesson.

3

Lessons can support events like

- Book Week
- Writing Clubs
- Activities on book creation
- Expanding students awareness of, and interest in, AU children's literature.
- Connecting students with authors and illustrators in your library collection.





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3 **FREE** Story
Tools lessons



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The holistic educator literacy & learning partner



StoryBox Hub products provide educators a robust, ad-free resources and curriculum support materials developed by industry experts and educators. Time-saving, accessibility and learning support tools include:

- Closed captions
- Search filters
- Curriculum-backed resources
- Professional quality
- Ad-free and safe for kids of all ages



StoryBox Hub is committed to showcasing the power of stories to children as tools to help us communicate, connect, learn, empathise, analyse, evaluate, grow, as well as provoking curiosity, discussion, imagination, play and inspiration!