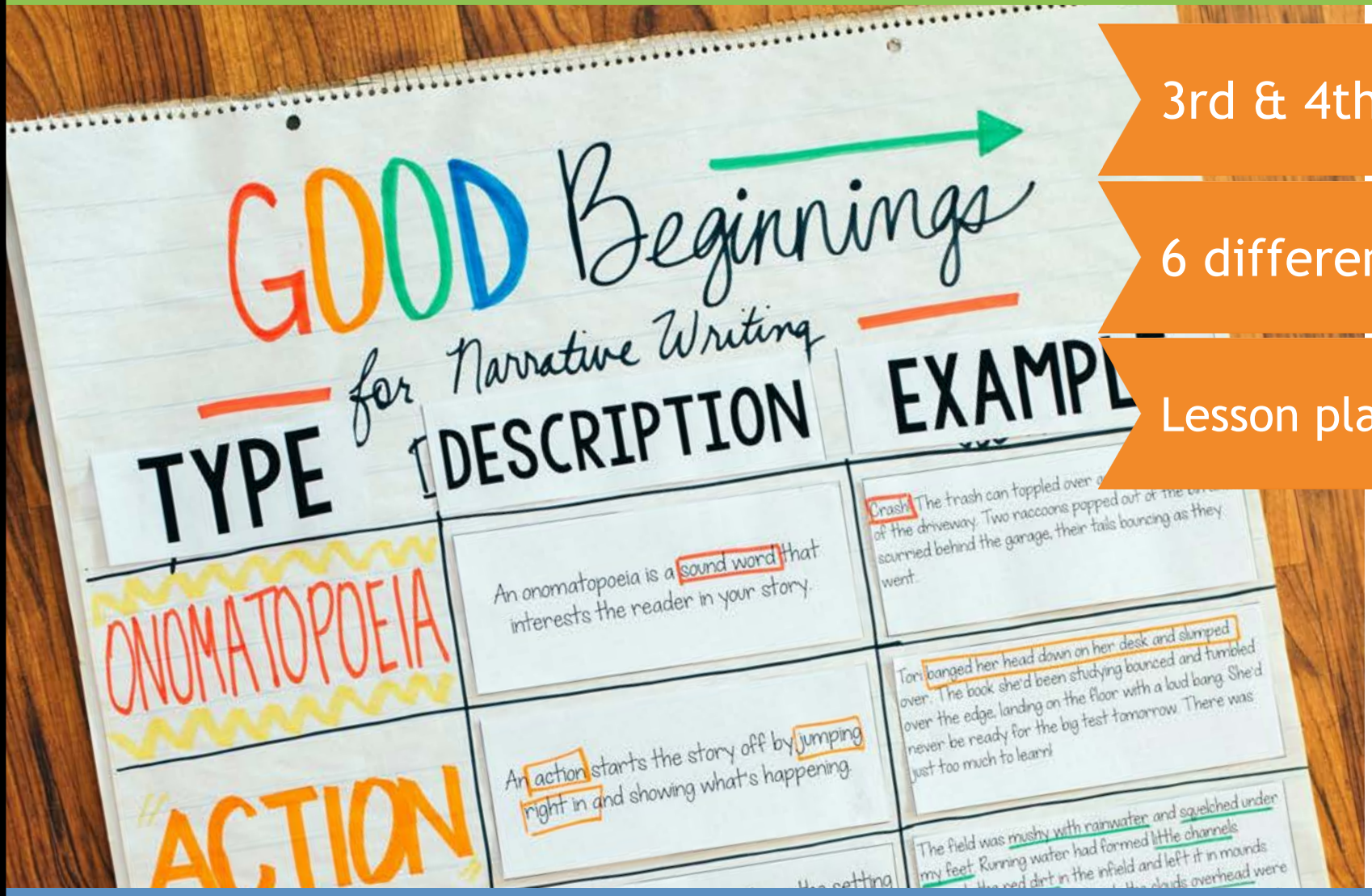
GOOD BEGINNINGS

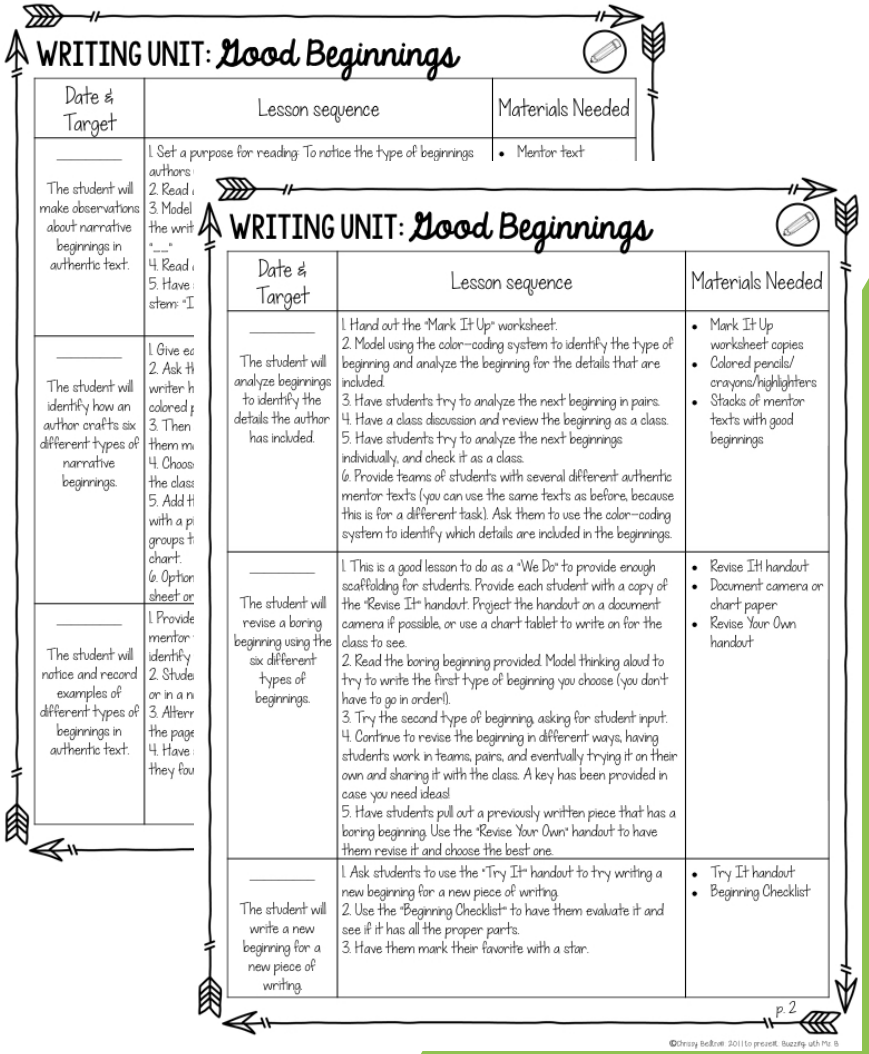


- 3rd & 4th grade
- 6 different types
- Lesson plans included

BUZZING with Ms. B

HANDS-ON LEARNING & PLENTY OF PRACTICE

What's in the lesson plans?



WRITING UNIT: Good Beginnings

Date & Target	Lesson sequence	Materials Needed
_____ The student will make observations about narrative beginnings in authentic text.	1. Set a purpose for reading: To notice the type of beginnings authors 2. Read 3. Model the writ "____" 4. Read 5. Have stem: "I	• Mentor text
_____ The student will identify how an author crafts six different types of narrative beginnings.	1. Give ea 2. Ask th writer h colored 3. Then them m 4. Choos the class 5. Add t with a p groups t chart. 6. Option sheet or	
_____ The student will notice and record examples of different types of beginnings in authentic text.	1. Provide mentor identify 2. Stude or in a n 3. Alterr the page 4. Have they fou	

WRITING UNIT: Good Beginnings

Date & Target	Lesson sequence	Materials Needed
_____ The student will analyze beginnings to identify the details the author has included.	1. Hand out the "Mark It Up" worksheet. 2. Model using the color-coding system to identify the type of beginning and analyze the beginning for the details that are included. 3. Have students try to analyze the next beginning in pairs. 4. Have a class discussion and review the beginning as a class. 5. Have students try to analyze the next beginnings individually, and check it as a class. 6. Provide teams of students with several different authentic mentor texts (you can use the same texts as before, because this is for a different task). Ask them to use the color-coding system to identify which details are included in the beginnings.	• Mark It Up worksheet copies • Colored pencils/ crayons/highlighters • Stacks of mentor texts with good beginnings
_____ The student will revise a boring beginning using the six different types of beginnings.	1. This is a good lesson to do as a "We Do" to provide enough scaffolding for students. Provide each student with a copy of the "Revise It" handout. Project the handout on a document camera if possible, or use a chart tablet to write on for the class to see. 2. Read the boring beginning provided. Model thinking aloud to try to write the first type of beginning you choose (you don't have to go in order!). 3. Try the second type of beginning, asking for student input. 4. Continue to revise the beginning in different ways, having students work in teams, pairs, and eventually trying it on their own and sharing it with the class. A key has been provided in case you need ideas! 5. Have students pull out a previously written piece that has a boring beginning. Use the "Revise Your Own" handout to have them revise it and choose the best one.	• Revise It handout • Document camera or chart paper • Revise Your Own handout
_____ The student will write a new beginning for a new piece of writing.	1. Ask students to use the "Try It" handout to try writing a new beginning for a new piece of writing. 2. Use the "Beginning Checklist" to have them evaluate it and see if it has all the proper parts. 3. Have them mark their favorite with a star.	• Try It handout • Beginning Checklist

©Chrissy Bellizzi 2011 to present. Buzzing with Ms. B

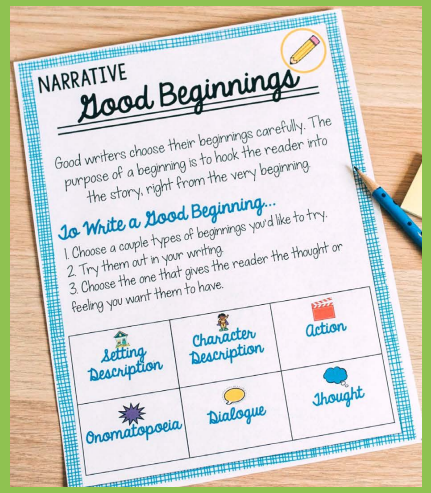
Ready-to-go lesson plans include...

- ✓6 days of lesson plans
- ✓A learning target/objective in "the student will..." format
- ✓Lesson sequence, step by step
- ✓Required materials
- ✓Space to record the date

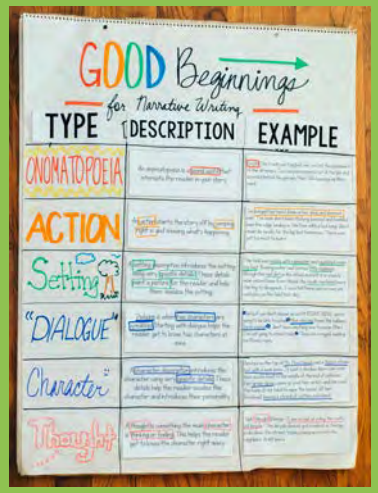
BUZZING with Ms. B

BETTER BEGINNINGS IN SIX DAYS

INTRODUCE WITH A MENTOR TEXT



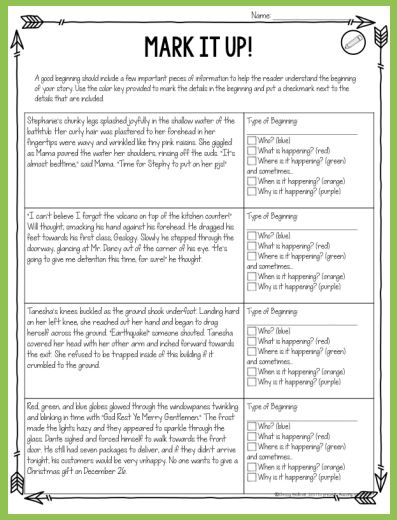
HANDS-ON ACTIVITY & BUILD THE CHART



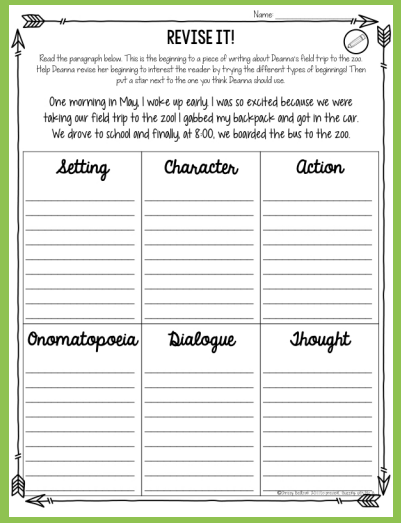
HUNT & SORT EXAMPLES



COLOR-CODE AND ANALYZE



REVISE EXAMPLES



APPLY TO THEIR OWN WRITING



10 PRINTABLE STUDENT PAGES INCLUDED

What's in this resource?



Teacher pages included

- ✓Lesson plans
- ✓Teacher's guide pages
- ✓Mentor text list for this skill
- ✓Materials to build anchor chart
- ✓Anchor chart activity directions
- ✓Directions/keys for each lesson

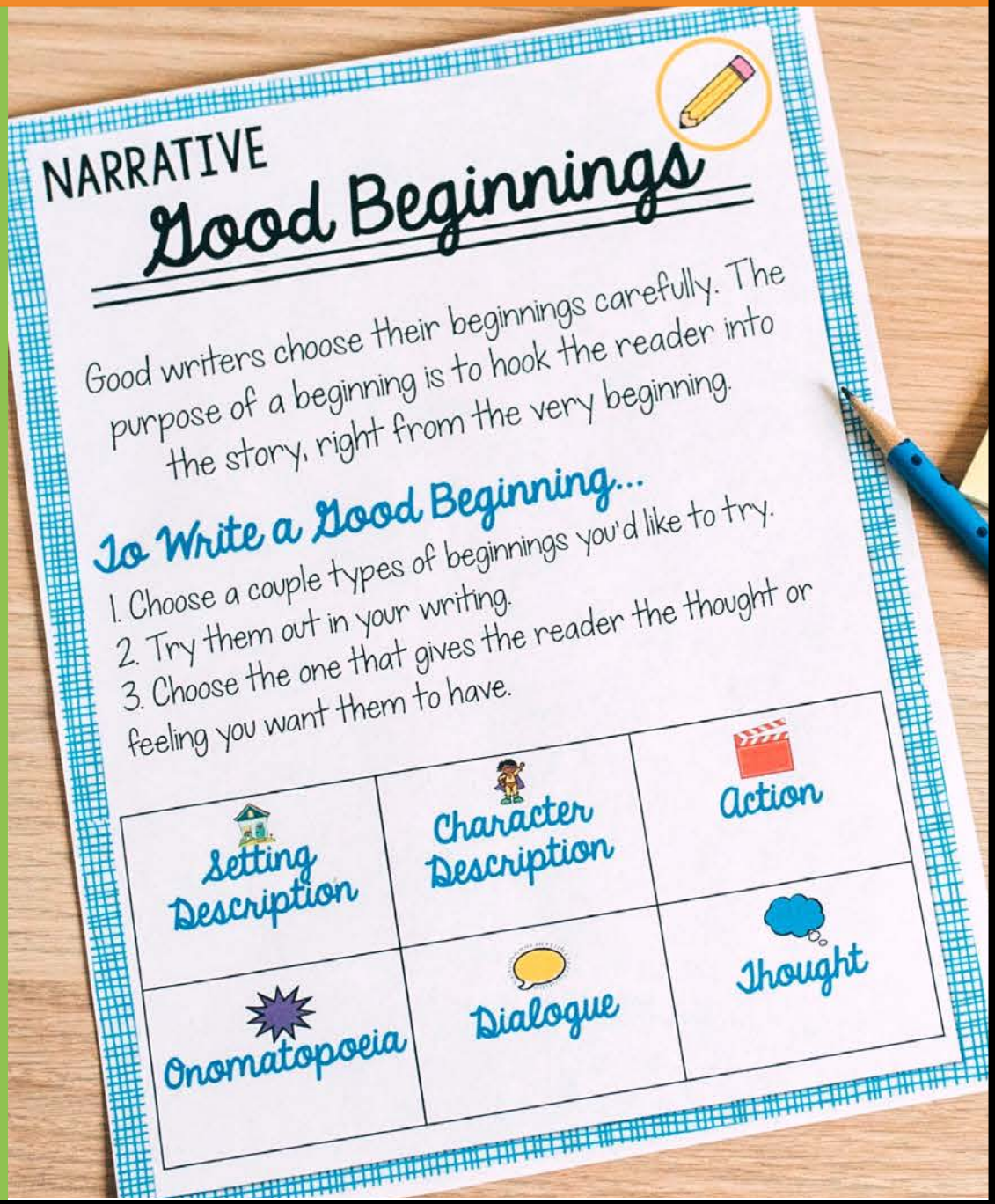
BUZZING with Ms. B

What's in this resource?

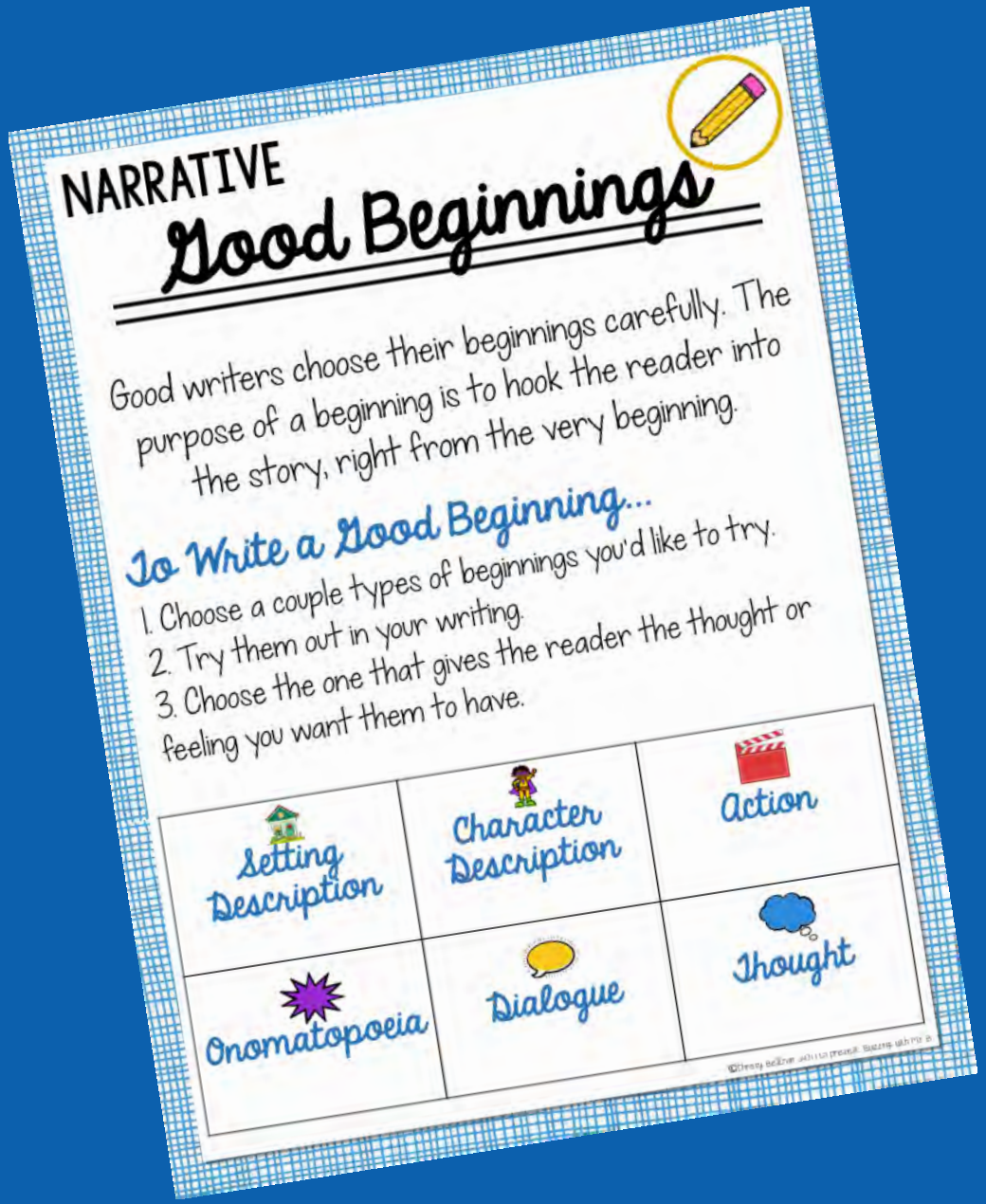
Student pages:

- ✓Anchor chart cards
- ✓Mark it up color coding activity
- ✓7 Good beginnings posters with sentence starters
- ✓Good beginnings notes
- ✓Revise It
- ✓Revise Your Own
- ✓Try It
- ✓Good beginning tips - a bookmark sized tip sheet

BUZZING with Ms. B



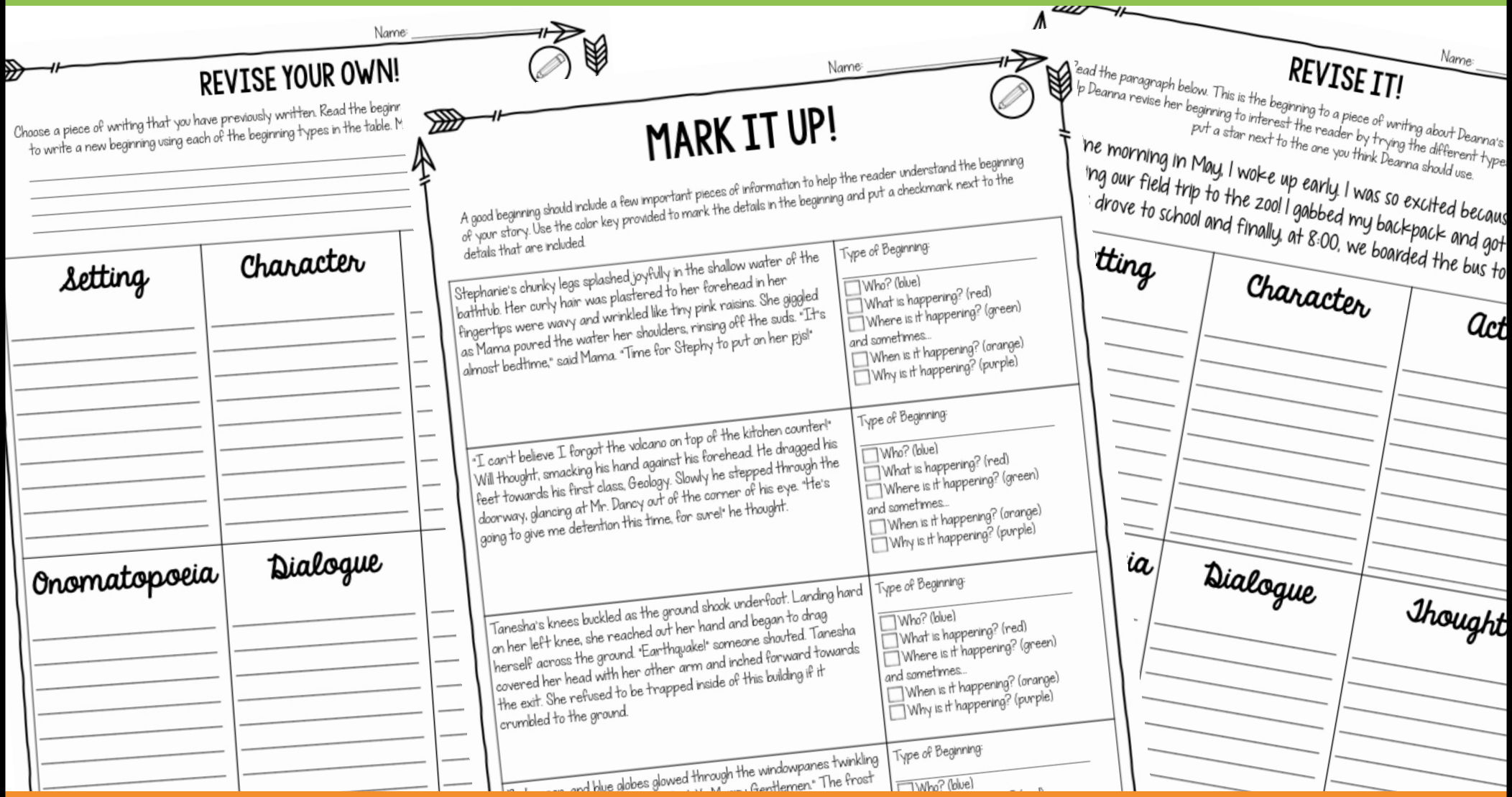
Poster set introduces each type





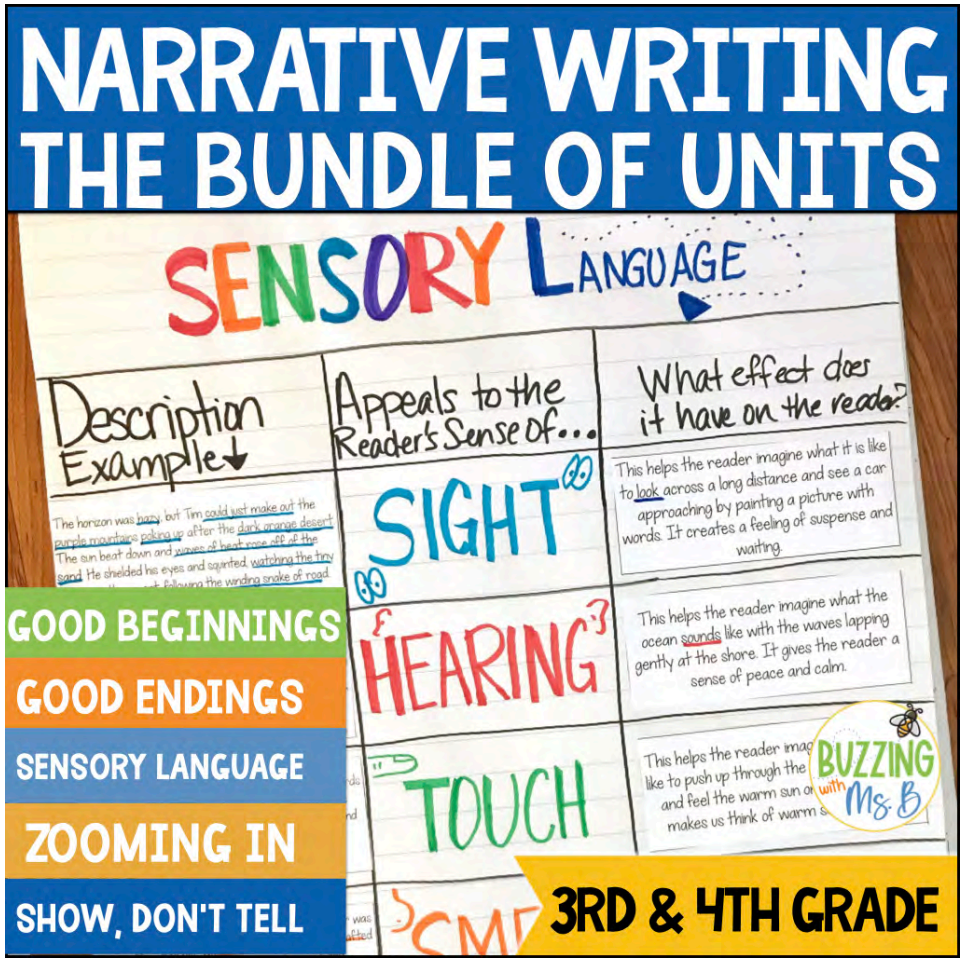
BUZZING with Ms. B

PLENTY OF PRACTICE!



10 HANDOUTS HELP STUDENTS ANALYZE, REVISE, AND TRY IT!

Get this in the Narrative Writing Bundle!



This bundle includes...

- ✓Good beginnings
- ✓Good endings
- ✓Zooming in on a moment
- ✓Sensory details
- ✓Show, don't tell emotions

GET THE NARRATIVE WRITING BUNDLE!

"I first bought the Zooming in on a Moment and was really impressed by how my reluctant readers reacted to it. I just had to get the entire set. This is a wonderful resource."