

RAFT

Teacher/Parent Overview:

RAFT is a structure that provides students with choice within a structured learning activity. The acronym RAFT stands for four key elements: **Role, Audience, Format, and Topic**. The use of RAFT allows students to think creatively, look at content or literature from multiple points of view, and write or create for multiple audiences.

EXAMPLE:

| Role | Audience | Format | Topic |
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| Flower | Sun | Song | I Need You |
| Tree | People | Advertisement | Plant Me in Your Yard |
| Soil | Farmer | Speech | Take Care of Me |

Student Directions:

You will:

- Pretend you are in the role- Who are you as the writer?
- Consider your audience- To whom are you writing?
- Examine a topic from a relevant perspective- What is the topic or purpose of this writing?
- Write or create in a particular format- What form will the writing take?

Step One: Choose a role you want to explore from the chart below.

Step Two: Once you have chosen the role, you will follow the row to discover who you are addressing (your audience), what format you are using, and what topic you are responding to.

| Role Who are you as the writer? Pretend you are a(n)... | Audience To whom are you writing? | Format What form will the writing take? | Topic What is the topic or purpose of this writing? |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Me | Myself | Picture and Words | My top 5 ideas on how to be a good friend. |
| Classroom Pet | Bird on the Windowsill | Conversation in pictures and words | This class takes great care of me. |
| Current Student | New Student | Poster | The best things about school |
| Pencil | Paper | Letter | Thank you for our friendship |

