

Fractured Pony Tales











Students write a short story using all of the terms in the attached word bank.

You're not looking for a literary masterpiece here - in fact, it's a great deal more fun for students when their story has a fanciful, illogical plot!

Our only rule: the story should illustrate a clear understanding of the terms that are used.

When students read their story aloud, you have the opportunity to discuss misunderstood terms. Just make sure to keep things lighthearted and enjoyable.

SUGGESTED USES

-  This activity originated as an unmounted group activity for summer day camps, so it's ideal for group lessons. Small groups of 2-4 students can collaborate on their story.
-  **Materials required:** timekeeping device (clock, phone), notepaper, pens/pencils, and an appropriate writing surface. You also might need additional materials or space for students to act out their story.
-  For group lessons, start with your story guidelines, then set a time limit for completion, allowing plenty of time for reading stories and discussion.
-  You could assign this as homework, and schedule just enough group lesson time for reading and discussion.
-  The exercise also works for individual students - but we still suggest having the student read the story aloud so you can discuss any questions about terminology.
-  Ideas for creative story guidelines:
 -  Give students the first sentence or paragraph - making sure it contains at least one term from the word bank - then let them finish the story.
 -  Require stories to use every term in the word bank, or set a minimum number of terms that must be used.
 -  Allow alternatives to the traditional short story: students can create a poem, a cartoon strip, lyrics set to a popular tune, or a rap (our camp favorite!).
 -  We also let groups designate one student as the Narrator, and other group members as the actors in a play. This is a great option for kinesthetic learners, and it's always fun to watch them portray terms like "spook" and "impulsion"!

FRACTURED PONY TALES - YELLOW LEVEL HORSESENSE

INSTRUCTIONS: You must use ALL of the following equine terms and phrases (in any order) to construct a wacky short story. You may choose to read your strange masterpiece to your instructor – or you can ask someone to read it aloud while you act out your story. 😊

- blaze
- purebred
- tack sponge
- inflammation
- fleabitten
- splint boots
- half-pastern
- thrush
- turnout blanket
- dorsal stripe
- puncture wound
- bald face
- Quarter Horse
- gaited horse
- saddle soap
- jog out
- rainrot
- lip tattoo
- pinto
- Thoroughbred
- mare
- roughage
- veterinarian
- surcingle straps
- TPR
- pony
- concentrates
- gelding
- laceration
- 14.2 hh
- bay
- supplements
- abscess
- miniature horse
- colic
- Arabian