


RAFT Writing

The Jade Stone

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Daily Clear Target

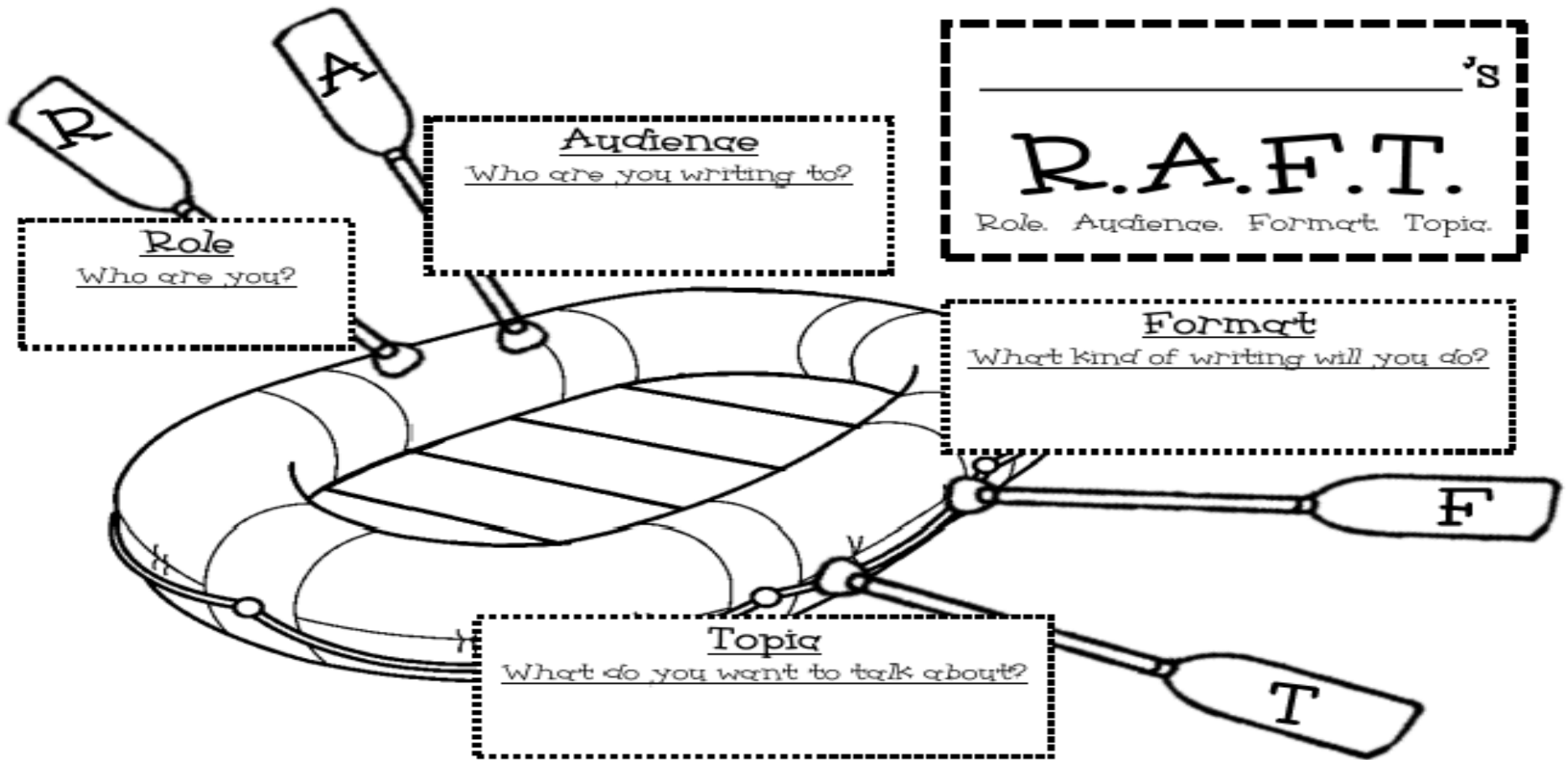
✓ I can write a RAFT that depicts a different viewpoint and utilize technology as a tool for publishing.

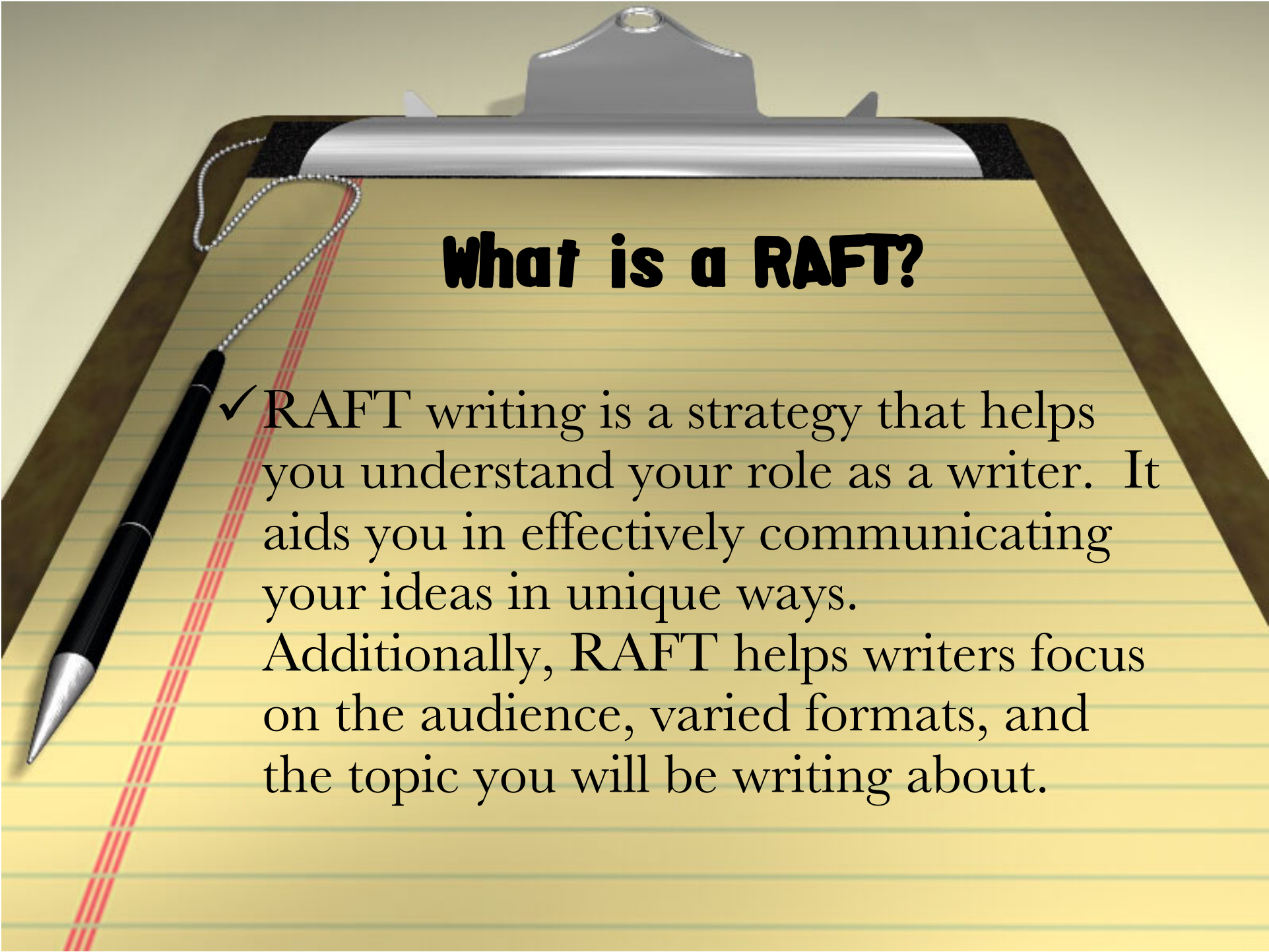
NAGC 3.4.5 ½ Educators use critical and creative thinking strategies to meet the needs of gifted learners.

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Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.

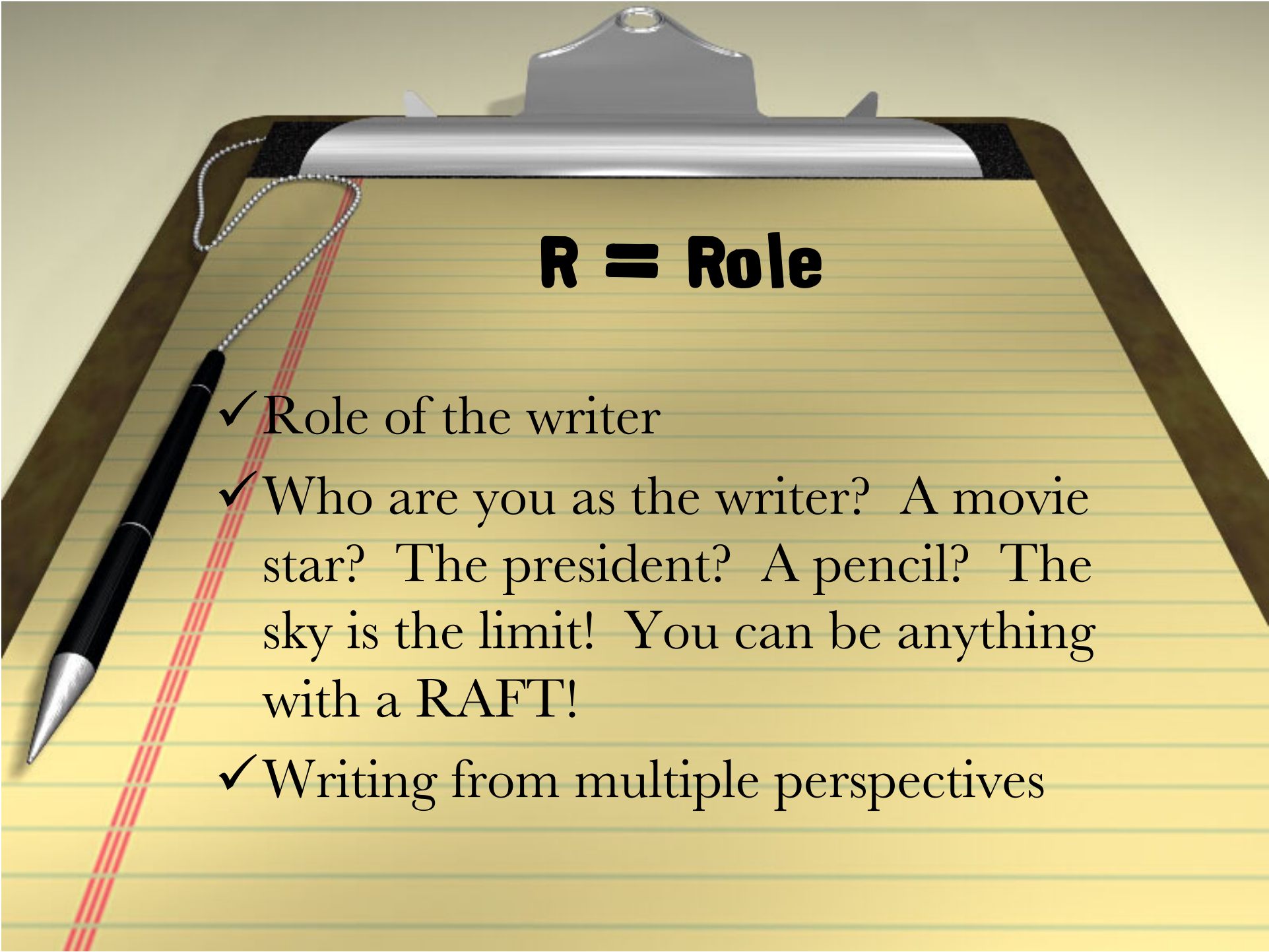
Hop Aboard a RAFT!





What is a RAFT?

- ✓ RAFT writing is a strategy that helps you understand your role as a writer. It aids you in effectively communicating your ideas in unique ways. Additionally, RAFT helps writers focus on the audience, varied formats, and the topic you will be writing about.



R = Role

- ✓ Role of the writer
- ✓ Who are you as the writer? A movie star? The president? A pencil? The sky is the limit! You can be anything with a RAFT!
- ✓ Writing from multiple perspectives



A= Audience

- ✓ To whom are you writing to? A senator? Yourself in twenty years? The oatmeal you are eating for breakfast?



F= Format

✓ In what format are you writing? A letter? Diary entry? A newspaper article? Wanted poster? Comic strip?

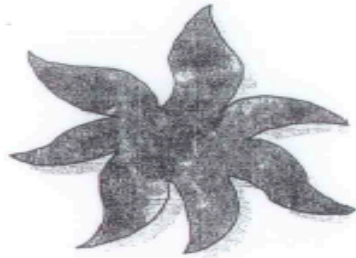


T=Topic

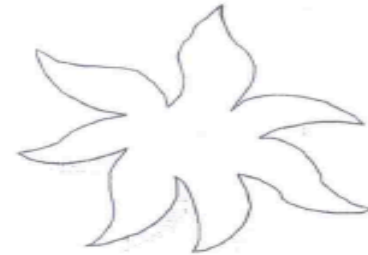
- ✓ What is it that you are writing about?
This is your topic...what your entire writing will be about.



RAFT Example



PLANT RAFT



ROLE	AUDIENCE	FORMAT	TOPIC
Plant parts	Plant needs	Picture	We're made for each other
Roots	Stem, leaf, flower, seeds	Letter	You'd be lost without me
Flower	Stem, leaf, seeds, roots	Ad	I'm more than just a pretty face

R A F T

Roots	Stem, leaf, flower, seeds	Letter	You'd be lost without me
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Dear Colleagues,

Have you ever stopped to think about just how significant I am in our relationship? The time has come that I stand up for myself and speak up! I may be hidden from the beauty of the outside world, but I am by far the strongest aspect in our job. My responsibilities outweigh each of yours if you ask me! I absorb or take in water and minerals from the ground. I hold you all in place. I store food for you all, and I also prevent the soil from eroding!

So, if you ask me, it is time that you all start respecting me.

Sincerely,

Root

Earth Day RAFT Example

- ✓ Role- Light bulb
- ✓ Audience- Students
- ✓ Format- Checklist
- ✓ Topic- Importance of Turning Off Lights

1. *Let's generate a list of ideas for the checklist!*
2. *How could we improve this RAFT?
What could we change?*

1. Save energy

2.

3.

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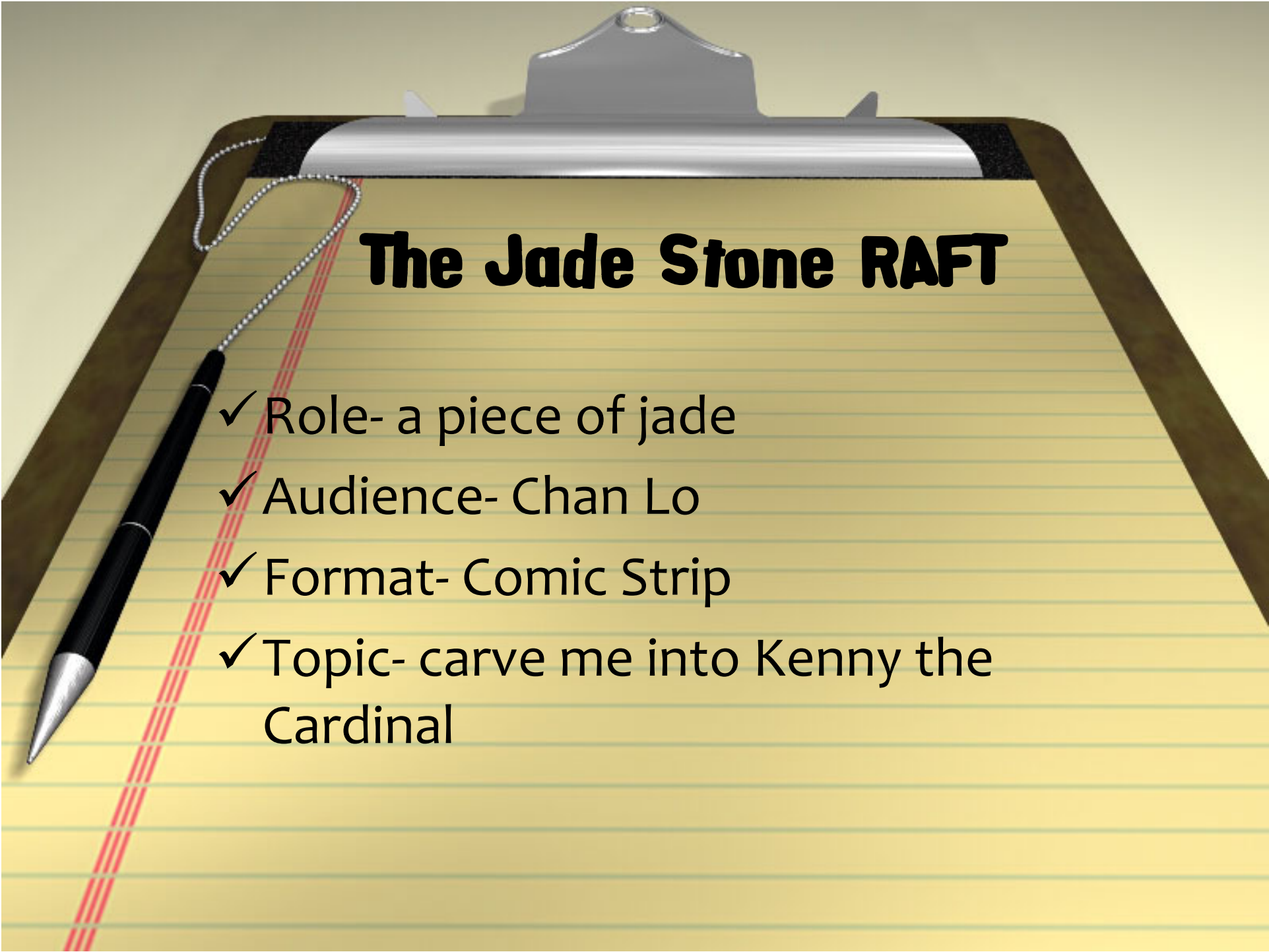
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RAFT Writing Assignment

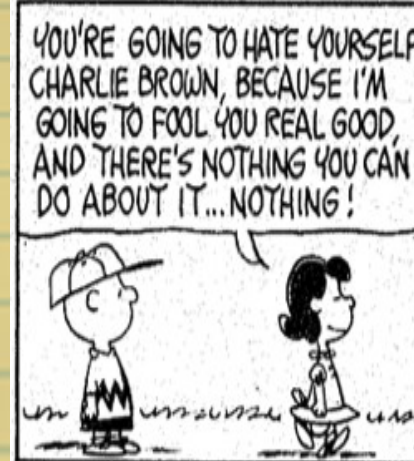
- ✓ In the Chinese folktale, *The Jade Stone*, Chan Lo spent his days carving various animals from colored stones. The stone would tell him what to carve. He would “listen” to the stones and hear their voices.
- ✓ Take on the following RAFT!



The Jade Stone RAFT

- ✓ Role- a piece of jade
- ✓ Audience- Chan Lo
- ✓ Format- Comic Strip
- ✓ Topic- carve me into Kenny the Cardinal

Comic Strip Examples





Online Comic Strip Creator

Using the online comic tool at <http://www.makebeliefscomix.com> you will act as if you are a piece of jade. Persuade Chan Lo to carve you in to Kenwood Elementary's school mascot. Think about the following:

How will you persuade him?

What sounds can you provide in your comic to prove that you should be a cardinal?



Questions for Closure

- ✓ Why should we take on different viewpoints when writing? (*Multiple Perspectives*)
- ✓ What are the implications/consequences of always writing from your own point of view? (*Multiple Perspectives*)
- ✓ What other RAFT writing alternatives could we create from the text The Jade Stone? (*Multiple Perspectives*) Generate a list of ideas and share.
- ✓ Are there any rules/guidelines for following a RAFT? If so, what are they? If not, should there be? (*Rules*)