

POINT OF VIEW: DISCUSSION SENTENCE STARTERS



These sentence starters are a part of this [Point of View in Nonfiction and Fiction Resource](#).

[The full resource includes:](#)

- 1st and 3rd person practice
- activities to help students distinguish their POV from the author/character's
- reading passages to compare & contrast different POVs
- reading passages to help students identify author bias
- writing activities
- ...and much more!

POINT OF VIEW
In Fiction & Nonfiction

COMPARING TWO POINTS OF VIEW

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Who is the narrator?		
What is the main conflict?		
What is the main problem?		
What is the most important difference between the two stories?		
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POINT OF VIEW: WHO IS TELLING THE STORY?

The same short story is told below from 4 different points of view. Read the stories and determine the narrator of each.

Short Story Told From 4 Different Points of View

1. Bucky's Escape

I was lying on the couch trying to sleep when I heard the doorbell ring. I rushed to the door, looked out the window, and started barking at the woman at the door.

"Hi, sweet! Mom's trying to sleep!" my owner whispered loudly to me. I headed back to the couch as the door opened.

"Dang dang!" I opened my eyes, wondering if I should go get the door or try to go back to sleep, just as I had decided to try to sleep. Fido started barking loudly.

"Admittedly, I groaned as I started out of bed. I headed for the front door just in time to see Ada taking a package out of the postal worker's hands.

"This was my last stop of the day. I climbed the steps and rang the door bell. A long-haired dog ran to the window and started barking loudly at me.

"The quiet!" I heard a girl whisper. "Mom's trying to sleep!" The barking stopped as a brown-haired girl opened the door. She signed for the package; I had brought her. Finally, I could hear her!

I had just finished my homework when I heard the doorbell ring. Fido lept off the couch, ran to the window, and started barking.

"Hi, sweet! Mom's trying to sleep!" I said. Fido.

Fido lept back to the couch as I opened the door. A package was on the floor in front of the door, waiting for me to sign for a package.

Character	Point of View	
Postal Worker	Ada	Me

COMPARING TWO POINTS OF VIEW

Use "A Walk in the Woods" and "A Walk in the Woods" to answer the questions below.

- Who is the narrator of "A Walk in the Woods"?
 - Lily
 - Mum
 - Ethan
 - Both Lily and Ethan
- In "A Walk in the Woods," which of the following is the narrator?
 - The narrator can only describe Ethan's thoughts.
 - The narrator focuses on Mum's perspective.
 - The narrator is one of the characters in the story.
 - The narrator knows the thoughts of all three characters.
- How would "A Walk in the Woods" be different if it were told from the perspective of Ethan?
 - There would be no changes because Lily is the narrator.
 - The story would have a more positive view of Ethan.
 - The story would have a different setting.
 - The story would have different characters.
- What is the most important difference between "A Walk in the Woods" and "A Walk in the Woods"?
 - The first story is told from a first person point of view, and the second is told from a third person point of view.
 - The first story focuses on Ethan's feelings, and the second focuses on Lily's feelings.
 - The first story leaves out Mum.
 - The first story leaves out Mum.
- What new information does the reader learn from "A Walk in the Woods"?
 - Ethan dislikes the hike, while Lily loves it.
 - Mum is glad to have...
 - ...
 - ...

DO YOU AGREE?

Read the passage below. Think about what the author says, whether or not you agree. Then, see what you think.

Books Vs. Movies

Many popular children's books have been turned into movies. However, movies are often criticized for their effects, and performances that capture emotions and feelings. Furthermore, movies usually have large budgets and elaborate sets, which can make them more expensive to produce than books. However, books are often criticized for their effects, and performances that capture emotions and feelings. Furthermore, movies usually have large budgets and elaborate sets, which can make them more expensive to produce than books. However, books are often criticized for their effects, and performances that capture emotions and feelings. Furthermore, movies usually have large budgets and elaborate sets, which can make them more expensive to produce than books.

What Does the Author Think?	What Do You Think?

Point of View

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Point of View

Many people are tired of alligators, but they should be. Alligators usually attack humans. They are looking for a meal, and most alligators don't eat anything larger than a turtle or an snake. Problems with alligators occur when humans are near them. Then the alligator sees the fear of humans and attacks them instead of their food. If you have an alligator, then they are usually harmless.

Point of View

Charlie was having a sleepover with her best friend, Katie. Her mom came in, turned on the lights, and told her to go to bed. Charlie and Katie lay on their beds, and Charlie turned on the lights. "Let's play a game!" Charlie said. "Let's play a game!" Katie said. "Let's play a game!" Charlie said. "Let's play a game!" Katie said. "Let's play a game!" Charlie said. "Let's play a game!" Katie said.

Teaching Made PRACTICAL

ABOUT THIS RESOURCE

Post these sentence starters to help students have respectful discussions, even when they disagree.

Encourage students to use them when thinking about how they disagree with the point of view of an author or character.

DISCUSSION SENTENCE STARTERS

- I agree with _____ because _____.
- I disagree with _____ because _____.
- So what you're saying is _____?
- What do you think the author meant by _____?
- Why do you think that?
- I was confused when _____ said _____.
- That makes sense. I'd like to add _____.
- I understand why you think that, but _____.
- I'd like to add _____.
- I noticed that _____.
- Can you give me an example?
- Can you tell me more?
- Another example is _____.
- I have a different opinion. I think _____.

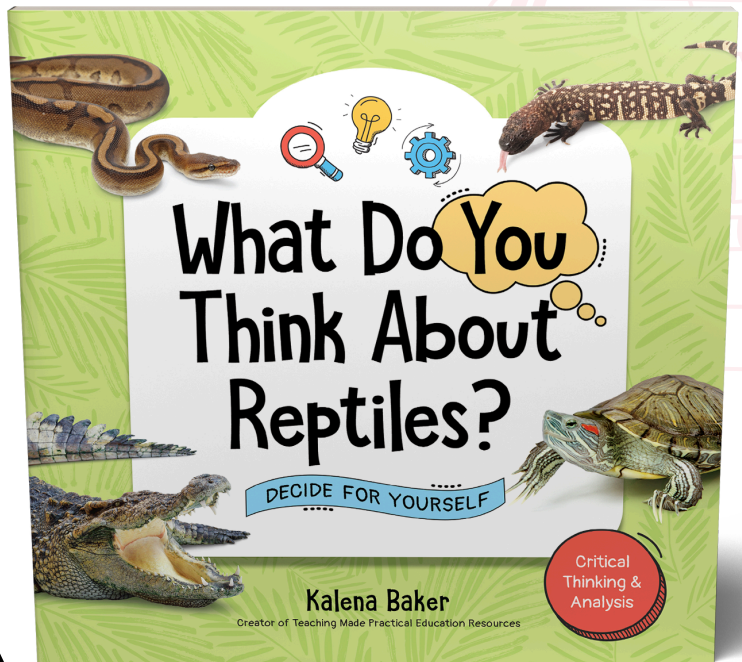
IT'S NOT REALLY A BOOK ABOUT REPTILES - IT'S ABOUT TEACHING KIDS TO THINK FOR THEMSELVES.



Kids are used to being told WHAT to think, but in this digital age, it is more important than ever for kids to learn to think for themselves! This book encourages students to **think critically** and exposes them to author bias, fact manipulation, and fact and opinion in a fun way.

Use This Nonfiction Book To Teach:

- **Fact and Opinion**
- **Point of View**
- **Author Bias**
- **Text Features**
- **Critical Thinking**
- **Word Choice**
- **...and More!**



FIND OUT MORE



What Do You Think About Reptiles? is a smart, balanced, and very clever science book, perfect for training readers to navigate our information-saturated world wisely.

- *The Children's Book Review*