



RAFT Writing



After reading Fish in a Tree, you will have gained knowledge for disabilities and gain insight into the everyday struggles these students must overcome. To apply this knowledge you will apply the RAFT method to compose a paper from the main character's point of view and demonstrate your knowledge for relating to specific audiences.

RAFT is a writing strategy that helps students understand their role as a writer and how to effectively communicate their ideas. RAFT helps students focus on the audience they will address, the varied formats for writing, and the topic they will be writing about. By using this strategy, students are encouraged to write creatively, to consider a topic from multiple perspectives, and to gain the ability to write for different audiences.

RAFT assignments encourage students to uncover their own voices and formats for presenting their ideas about content information they are studying. Students learn to respond to writing prompts that require them to think about various perspectives:

- **Role of the Writer:** Who are you as the writer? A movie star? The President? A plant?
- **Audience:** To whom are you writing? A senator? Yourself? A company?
- **Format:** In what format are you writing? A diary entry? A newspaper? A love letter?
- **Topic:** What are you writing about?

RAFT Writing - Connect to Fish in a Tree*

Role: Student

Audience: Middle School Teenagers

Format: Friendly Letter (3/4 page)

Topic: Words of wisdom on learning disabilities

*Final copy should be typed in a 12-point font

