**Subject area/course**: ELA

**Grade level/band**: Kindergarten

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**Snowperson Story**

**STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS**

1. **Task context**:

***Write a story about a snow person!***

A story has a character (the snow person!), a setting, and events.

Essential Questions:

* What happened in the story?
* Why is the character important to the story?
* Why is it important to explain the setting of the story?
* Why is the order of a story important?
1. **Final product**:

Make up a story about:

1. A person having fun building a snowman OR
2. Something that the snowman does.

Remember to use story language like *first*, *then*, and *last*. In the end we will all share our stories!

1. **Knowledge and skills you will need to demonstrate on this task:**
* My story has one or more characters
* My story has a snow person
* My story has a setting
* My story has a beginning
* My story has a middle
* My story has an end
* My sentences begin with capital letters
* My sentences end with periods

**Additional Information for Parents and Teachers:**

Students will know:

* Character
* Setting
* Sequence
* Knowledge of sounds and letters

Students will be able to:

* Retell the story in sequence
* Create a character in their story
* Draw the details that belong in their setting
* Dictate or write their story
* Use transitional words when orally retelling
1. **Materials needed:**
* Book: There Was a Cold Lady Who Swallowed Some Snow, by [Lucille Colandro](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/19878.Lucille_Colandro), [Jared Lee](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/91779.Jared_Lee) (Illustrator) (also on YouTube)
* Book: Snowmen at Night, by Caralyn Buehner and Mark Buehner (also on YouTube)
* Book: Snowmen at Work, by Caralyn Buehner and Mark Buehner (also on YouTube)
* Sequencing activities supported by visuals, such as videos of snowman/woman building
* Guided experience in making a real snowman/woman.
* Book: Snowballs, by Lois Ehlert (also on YouTube)
* Graphic organizers
1. **Time requirements:**

This task will take about two weeks to complete. Your teacher will provide you with more directions about how long each step in the task will take.

1. **Scoring:**

Your work will be scored using the Snowperson Story rubric. You should make sure you are familiar with the language that describes the expectations for proficient performance.