

I think RAFT activities are a wonderful way to incorporate a writing activity into any classroom. Not only does it provide children with the opportunity to work on their literacy skills, but it also gives them the freedom to make the writing unique and fun for them. I believe that too many times teachers assign writing assignments such as short answer questions or essays that are valuable to the students learning, yet stifle their creativity. By incorporating activities such as a RAFT students can bring creativity and imagination back into their writing. If we only require students to complete factual, structured writing assignments, then we can't blame them for saying they don't enjoy writing.

As a math teacher, I believe RAFTS are perfect for incorporating literacy into an area that is focused on numbers. Below is an example of a RAFT I created that can be used in virtually any math classroom. I focused the topic on characteristics of geometric shapes because it was meant to be used during that lesson, but with a little modification it can be used for any topic/grade level.

Directions: Chose one from each category and complete the corresponding writing assignment.

<b>Role</b>	<b>Audience</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Topic</b>
-Teacher	-Self	-Newspaper article	-Characteristics of Polygons
-Student	-Friend	-Brochure	-Relationships between sides and angles
-Journalist	-Parents	-Cartoon	-Differences between types of triangles
-Engineer	-Sibling	-Poem	-Differences between types of quadrilaterals
-Chef	-Teacher	-Recipe	
-Quadrilateral	-Boss	-Instruction Manual	
-Triangle	-Students	-Letter	
-Mathematician	-Other Polygons	-Short Story	
-Beautician			
-Musician			