

Four and Six Square Prewriting Charts

Students use these charts to brainstorm various components of an assigned writing exercise. Each chart provides categories related to specific writing genre. Six Square Charts can be used for the accelerated learner.

How to use the charts:

1. Choose from four genre categories.
 - a. Fantasy
 - b. Historical Fiction
 - c. Realistic Fiction
 - d. Science Fiction
2. Teacher fills in the value amount that the student will earn for each square in the box marked, "Value".
3. Student list ideas in each square.
4. After all squares have been filled in, student begins to write a rough draft, using at least one of the ideas listed in each square category.
5. Student goes through the writing process until a final draft is completed.
6. Value amounts are given based on the usage in the final draft of the story.
7. These amounts are placed in the "Deposit" box under each category.
 - **Variation:** Partial value amounts can be deposited if the category is weak in content.
8. Withdraws can be given if the category is missing or not well developed.
9. Students add all withdraws and places that number at the bottom under "TOTAL withdraw".
10. Students add all deposits and places that number at the bottom under "TOTAL deposit".
11. Students then subtract the total amount of withdraws from the total amount of deposits to get an overall "Balance".
12. Place this balance amount into the student's account or if you are still using play money, the student receives that amount.



FOUR SQUARE Prewriting Chart Fantasy

Title: _____

Characters' Special Powers		Imaginative or Other World Setting	
<i>Value:</i>		<i>Value:</i>	
<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>	<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>
Conflict of Good and Evil		Solution/Ending	
<i>Value:</i>		<i>Value:</i>	
<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>	<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>
		<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>
Total			
Balance			



FOUR SQUARE Prewriting Chart Historical Fiction

Title: _____

Historical Figure/s		Historical Setting	
<i>Value:</i>		<i>Value:</i>	
<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>	<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>
Historical Event/s		Conflict/Problem	
<i>Value:</i>		<i>Value:</i>	
<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>	<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>
		<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>
Total			
Balance			



FOUR SQUARE Prewriting Chart Realistic Fiction

Title: _____

Characters		Settings	
<i>Value:</i>		<i>Value:</i>	
<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>	<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>
Problem/Event		Solution/Ending	
<i>Value:</i>		<i>Value:</i>	
<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>	<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>
	Total	<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>
	Balance		



FOUR SQUARE Prewriting Chart Science Fiction

Title: _____

Alien Character/s		Futuristic or Space World	
<i>Value:</i>		<i>Value:</i>	
<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>	<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>
Scientific Element/s		Conflict/Problem	
<i>Value:</i>		<i>Value:</i>	
<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>	<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>
		<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>
Total			
Balance			



SIX SQUARE Prewriting Chart Fantasy

Title: _____

Characters' Special Powers		Imaginative or Other World Setting	
<i>Value:</i>		<i>Value:</i>	
<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>	<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>
Conflict of Good and Evil		Solution/Ending	
<i>Value:</i>		<i>Value:</i>	
<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>	<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>
Figurative Language		Vocabulary Words	
<i>Value:</i>		<i>Value:</i>	
<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>	<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>
Total		<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>
Balance			



SIX SQUARE Prewriting Chart
Historical Fiction

Title: _____

Historical Figure/s		Historical Setting	
<i>Value:</i>		<i>Value:</i>	
<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>	<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>
Historical Event/s		Conflict/Problem	
<i>Value:</i>		<i>Value:</i>	
<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>	<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>
Figurative Language		Vocabulary Words	
<i>Value:</i>		<i>Value:</i>	
<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>	<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>
Total		<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>
Balance			



SIX SQUARE Prewriting Chart
Realistic Fiction

Title: _____

Characters		Settings	
<i>Value:</i>		<i>Value:</i>	
<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>	<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>
Problem/Event		Solution/Ending	
<i>Value:</i>		<i>Value:</i>	
<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>	<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>
Figurative Language		Vocabulary Words	
<i>Value:</i>		<i>Value:</i>	
<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>	<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>
Total		<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>
Balance			



SIX SQUARE Prewriting COhart
Science Fiction

Title: _____

Alien Character/s		Futuristic or Space World	
<i>Value:</i>		<i>Value:</i>	
<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>	<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>
Scientific Element/s		Conflict/Problem	
<i>Value:</i>		<i>Value:</i>	
<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>	<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>
Figurative Language		Vocabulary Words	
<i>Value:</i>		<i>Value:</i>	
<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>	<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>
Total		<i>Withdraw (-):</i>	<i>Deposit (+):</i>
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