

Tell Us About Your Pet Student Worksheet

Name _____

Instructions: For this activity, write a short remembrance, story or essay about a pet of your own, another person's pet you have known, or create a fictional story about a pet. To begin your work, go to step 1.

1. Take some time to remember events about a pet you have known or to brainstorm events you'd like to write about in a fictional story about a pet. Perhaps it's the time you first got your pet. Perhaps it's the time you and your dog went fishing together. Perhaps it's the time your pet goldfish leapt out of its bowl. Perhaps it's the time your puppy ate your mom's shoes. Perhaps it's a story about your neighbor's cat that likes to curl up in your lap. Create a list of ideas below to choose from then go on to step 2.

My Story Could Be About:

2. Pick the topic you most want to write about. Take the ideas you brainstormed in step one and start writing down some details about each topic that you could put in your story. Compare those ideas to each other and select the topic you think would create the best story for you. Write your final topic idea below then move on to step 3.

My Final Topic Is:

3. Begin to write a rough draft of your story. Put your ideas down on paper. Start arranging them into your story or essay. Read over what you've written and rearrange and rewrite as needed. After you've spent some time on the writing yourself, have someone else read what you wrote and ask for the suggestions about organization, wording, and details then move on to step 4.
4. Continue writing and revising as needed until you get to what you think is your best work—the work you want to submit as our final paper. As you do this revising don't hesitate to get feedback from your classmates, teacher, parents, friends.
5. Submit your final paper to your teacher. If you'd like the story to be considered for publication on our HEC-TV website, determine if you'd like to read the story on camera and send us a video or have the story published in written form. Look for a picture of the dog that inspired your story and include it with your final paper.