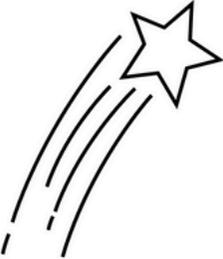
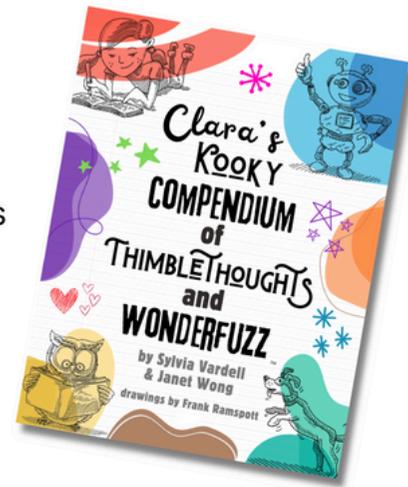




Clara's KOOKY COMPENDIUM of THIMBLETHOUGHTS and WONDERFUZZ

If you're a teacher, librarian, parent, grandparent, babysitter or anyone who works with young people, this is a fun book to share with them to prompt reading, writing, drawing, and talking. You can jump into any page and share what you find together.

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- Funny poems to read aloud
 - Curious "wonderfuzz" questions
 - Fascinating "thimblethought" facts
 - Interesting lists of trivia
 - Catchy cartoons
 - Dynamic doodles



Next, you'll find awesome activity pages that you can print and use with writing activities for kids to try.

We hope that *Clara's Kooky Compendium of Thimblethoughts and Wonderfuzz* will encourage young readers to think, read, write, wonder, research, doodle, draw, and share their own thoughts, questions, and experiences.

Let's get started!



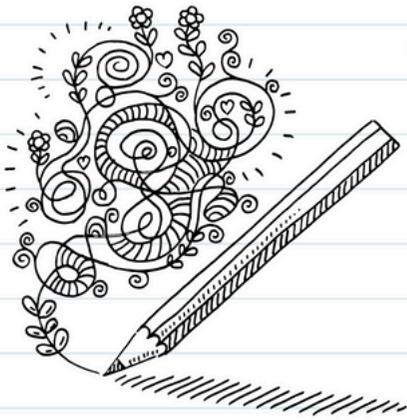
AWESOME ACTIVITIES
FOR RAVENOUS WRITERS

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FUN THINGS TO DO

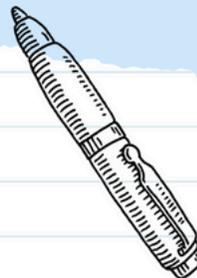
1. Keep a journal
2. Research fun facts
3. Doodle
4. Take photos
5. Share family stories and memories – then write them down



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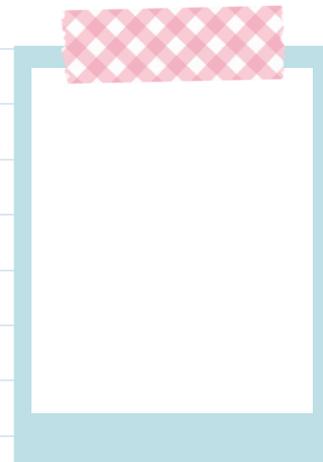
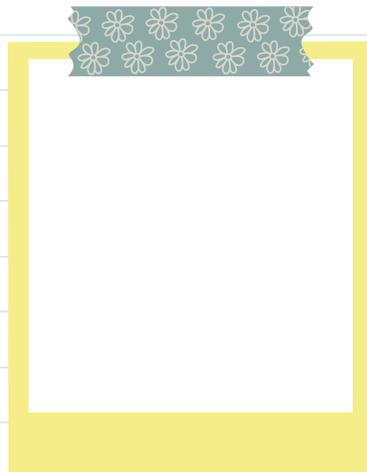
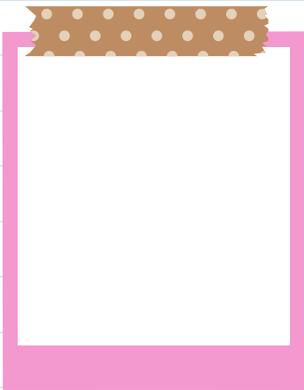
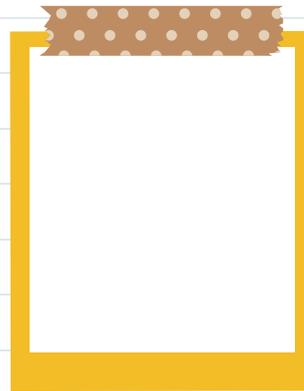
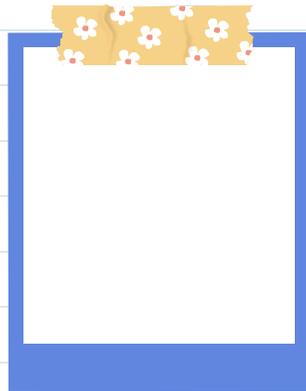
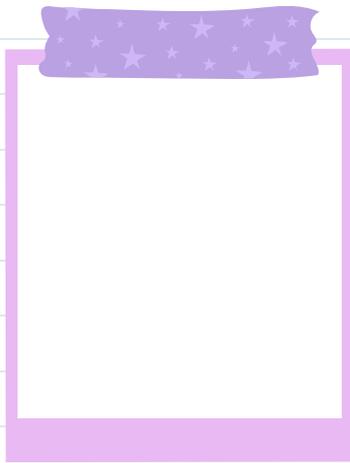
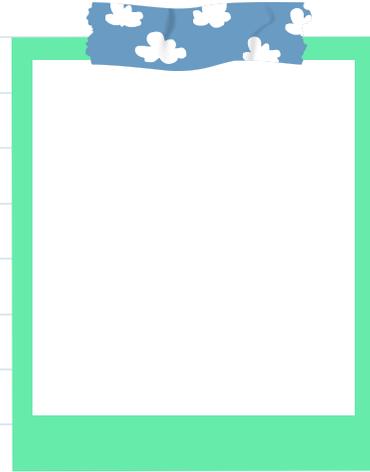
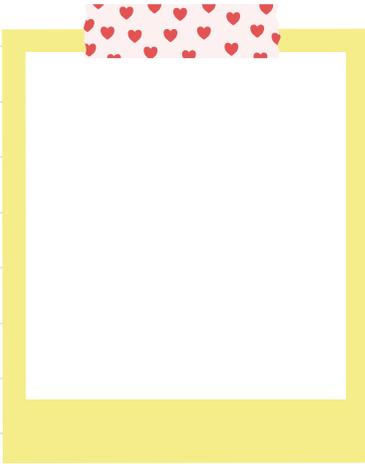
TO STRETCH YOUR MIND

6. Look up quotes
7. Find poems & share them
8. Make lists
9. Jot down wonderfuzz questions
10. Link poetry + thimblethoughts



EXERCISE #5: FAMILY

Find pictures or drawings of some of your family members and write about them.

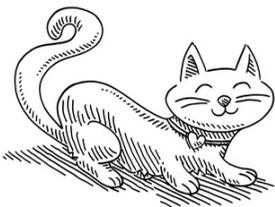
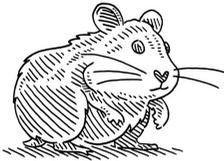


EXERCISE #6: PETS

Write about pets you have or have had - or wish you had.



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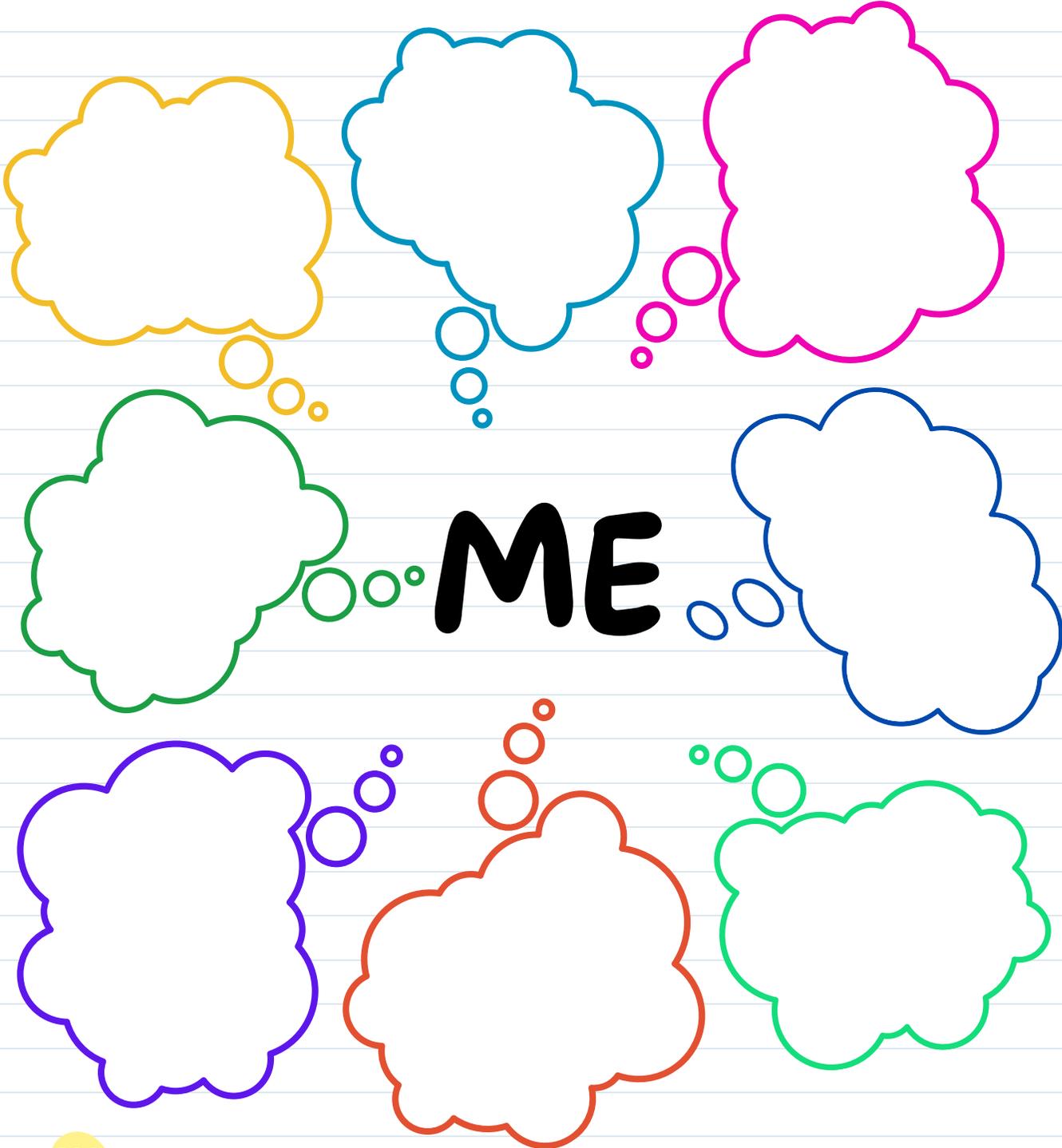
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EXERCISE #8: FRIENDS

Write about some of your friends (nearby or far away, "real" or "imaginary").

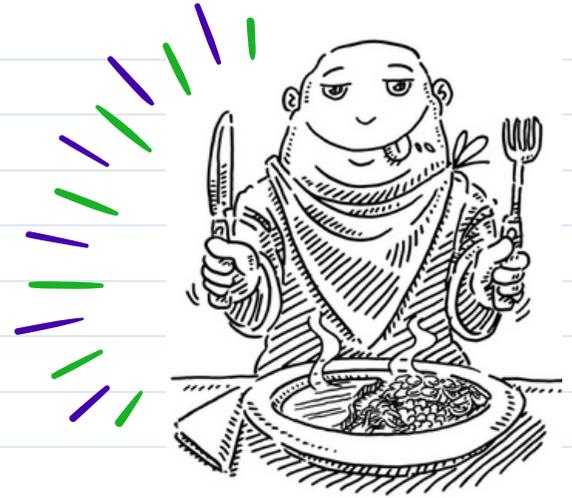
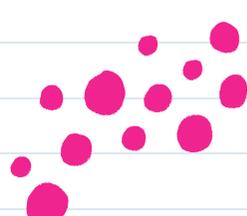
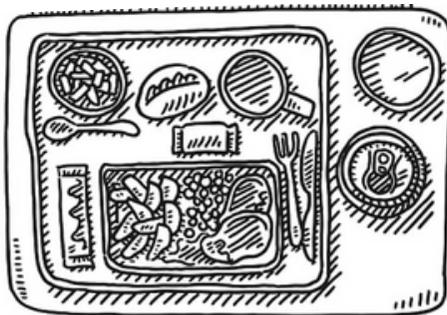
Clara's example

I have school friends, neighborhood friends, soccer friends, basketball friends, pickleball friends, and friends who know me because of Mom and Uncle Frank. I'm putting Vera and James here in my friends circle too because you can be friends with your family, right?



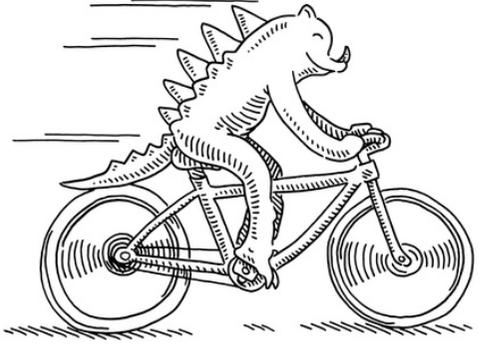
EXERCISE #10: FAVORITE FOOD

Do you have a favorite food (at school or at home)? Write about it.

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EXERCISE #14: AFTER SCHOOL

What do you like to do AFTER school?
Write about it.

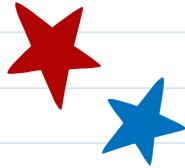
A large empty rectangular box for writing, framed by blue chevron patterns at the top and bottom.A large empty rectangular box for writing, framed by a border of red apples on the top and bottom.

EXERCISE #15: WORD HUNT

Write a poem that uses homophones or homographs or any kind of wordplay.

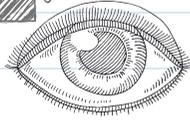
homograph = two words that are spelled the same but have different sounds and meanings

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I,
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hoarse,
horse!



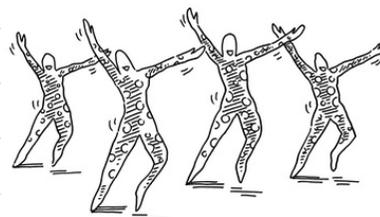
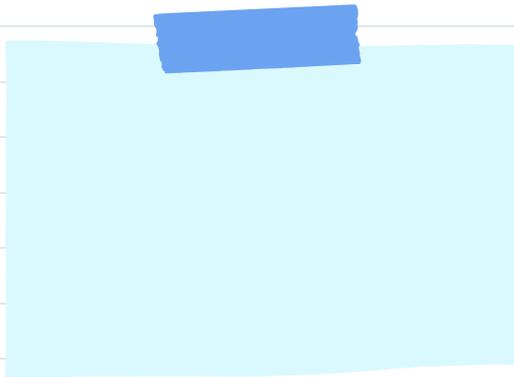
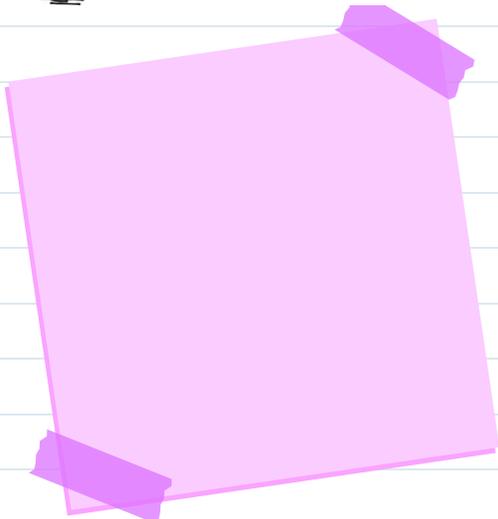
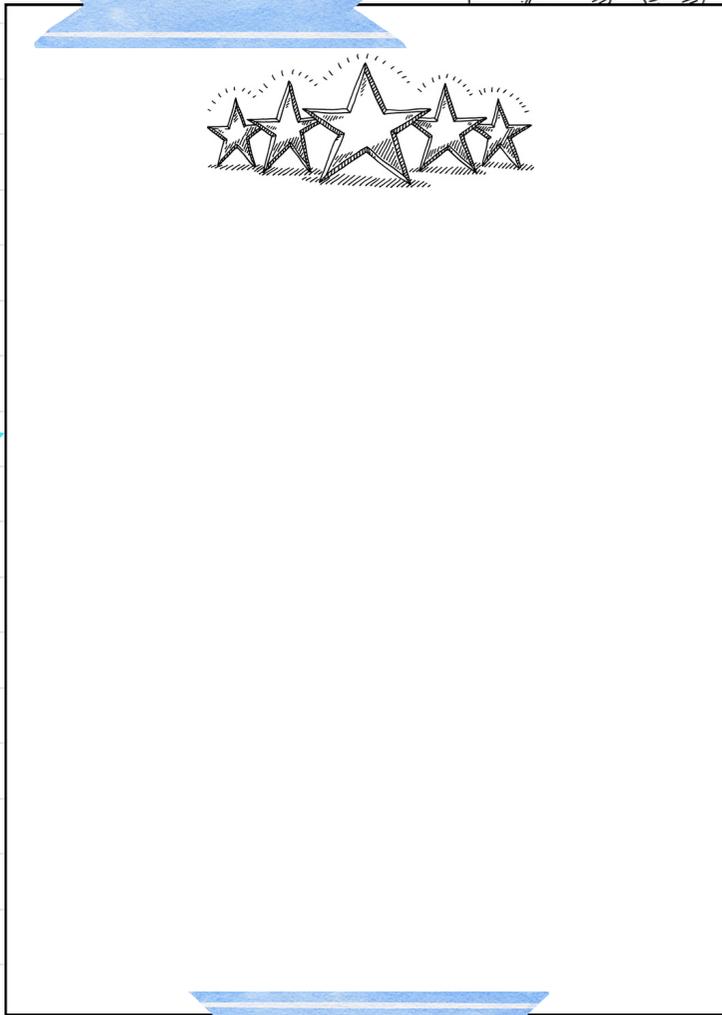
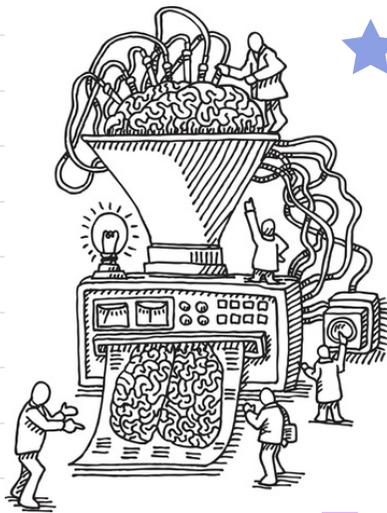
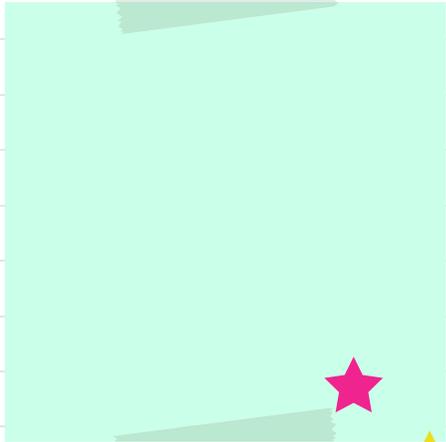
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Be daring! Be creative! Think BIG!



WRITING EXERCISES

Exercise #1: Author Bio (p. 6)

Put a picture or drawing of yourself in your compendium. Write your author bio and add it to your book.

Exercise #2: Poet List (p. 10)

Keep a list of names of poets whose poems you like. Look for poems by them to print and tape into YOUR compendium.

Exercise #3: Questions (p. 12)

Keep a list of questions about things you wonder about.

Exercise #4: Word Bank (p. 14)

Make a list of words that are interesting to you. You can look them up in a dictionary and try using them in your writing.

Exercise #5: Family (p. 16)

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Write about some of your neighbors (or their pets).

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Exercise #9: Getting to School (p. 30)

Do you walk to school? Ride the bus? Does someone drive you? Write about it.

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Are there things (big or small) you worry about? Write about it!

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Exercise #13: Science Explorations (p. 40)

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Make a list of wild animals. Find a poem and 3 or more facts about one you choose.

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Write about something you've learned about in social studies (geography, history, etc.) this year.

Exercise #18: Jobs in Our Community (p. 72)

Write about the jobs that some of the people you know have.

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Write about something happening in your life outside of school.