

WHAT ARE ...

Triple Whammy



SENTENCES?



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The Triple Whammy Sentence is a sentence with three parts ... that can be expanded into a tightly organized paragraph or even a college style, five paragraph essay!

Triple Whammies



This summer we went to the lake, the mountains and the beach.
Diary of a Wimpy Kid is funny, has good drawings and contains characters kids will love.
 Long division involves three steps: division, multiplication and subtraction.
 Galileo, Kepler and Brahe made great advances in astronomy during the Renaissance.
 In the *Mona Lisa*, Leonardo uses optical illusions in the foreground, background and in Mona Lisa's smile.

Great! Fantastic! I want to learn more and more! How about some lower grade examples? That would be so fantastic!!! I love Triple Whammies already!



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For lower grades, use lots of simple, scaffolded sentence frames.

I see _____.

I see _____ and _____.

I see _____, _____ and _____.

I like _____.

I like _____ and _____.

I like _____, _____ and _____.

I can _____.

I can _____ and _____.

I can _____, _____ and _____.



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Here's some more lower grade examples!

The book is about _____.

The book is about _____ and _____.

The book is about _____, _____ and _____.

We learn about _____.

We learn about _____ and _____.

We learn about _____, _____ and _____.

Someday I want to be a _____.

Someday I want to be a _____ and a _____.

Someday I want to be a _____, a _____ and a _____.

Now, what about upper grade examples of Triple Whammy sentence frames ... don't forget the big kids!



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Here's some upper grade examples!

The Civil War was caused by _____, _____, and _____.

_____, _____, and _____ are three problems created by global warming.

YouTube should not be blocked by school districts because _____, _____, and _____.

The three literary techniques that Mark Twain uses to create suspense in *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* are _____, _____, and _____.



Here's more upper grade examples!

Three of the most prominent theories about the cause of the extinction of the dinosaurs are: _____, _____, and _____.

Several of the clearest examples of symbolism in George Orwell's *Animal Farm* are: _____, _____, and _____.

_____, _____, and _____ were major problems faced by feudal rulers.

Triple Whammies are easy! Here's one! ***I like to have fun, play and have a good time!***

UNCLE LOUIE "TRICKSTER" DILLY

CLINKER!

I like to have fun, play and have a good time!

Oh phoey Uncle Louie! That's a **Clinker!** A Triple Whammy has to be about three **separate** things! Having fun, playing and having a good time ... are too similar!



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Here's some more **clinkers!** The similar terms are underlined.

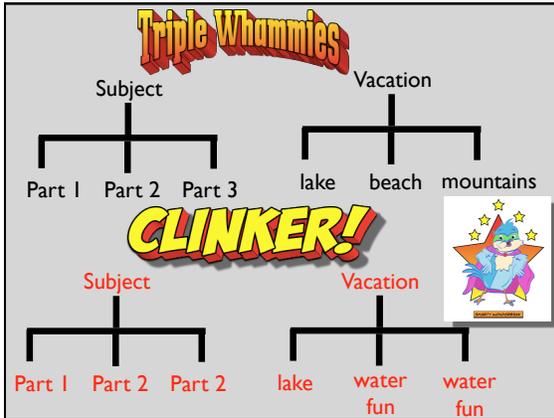
This summer we went to the lake, had a good time and played in the water.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid is funny, silly and contains characters kids will love.

Long division involves three steps: division, taking one number from another and subtraction.

Great advances in astronomy during the Renaissance were developed by scientists, astronomers, and Galileo.

In the *Mona Lisa*, Leonardo uses optical illusions in the foreground, Mona Lisa's face and in Mona Lisa's smile.



Why should kids learn to write Triple Whammies?

Who?
What?
Where?
When?
Why?
How?

Triple Whammies teach the fundamental writing skill ... which is almost never present when kids speak: **dividing a topic into logical parts**. Thus, Triple Whammies represent writing's most difficult challenge ... verbal organization.

How could you move from a Triple Whammy sentence to a Triple Whammy paragraph?

Who?
What?
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How?

Once the Triple Whammy is mastered, it is a short, fairly easy step to a tightly organized paragraph. Each part of the Triple Whammy is expanded into its own sentence.

Here's some examples of Triple Whammy paragraphs.

This summer we went to the lake, the beach and the mountains. We stayed for a week at the lake and I learned to sail. Next, we went to Malibu beach for a family reunion. Finally, my brothers and I took several long hikes in the mountains.



Here's a lower grade Micro Essay sample.

I love to play	baseball,	football,	and	soccer
My dad taught me how to play baseball.				
My favorite position is pitcher or center field.				
If I could play any sport, I would play football.				
I'd love to be the halfback.				
Soccer is a great sport for exercise.				
You're always running up and down the field.				



Here's a college example of a Triple Whammy Micro Essay.

Anselm, Aquinas, and Descartes	try to prove
God's existence.	
Anselm's proof is probably the most famous.	
He starts with the idea of God and argues that it is impossible to conceive of a perfect being as not existing.	
Aquinas inherits his proof from Aristotle.	
Essentially, Aquinas argues that God is the First Mover of the Universe.	
Descartes' proof occurs in his Third Meditation.	
He believes that only knowledge of God as a perfect being makes it possible for him to know that he, Descartes, is imperfect.	

The next step must be a real essay with several paragraphs... what would that look like?



BIG DILLY

I love Big Dilly Questions! Here is a Triple Whammy college style essay pattern for kindergarten students!

Triple Golder: 1, 2, 3.
Part 1 Sentence
Part 2 Sentence
Part 3 Sentence
Part 1 Sentence
Sentence about Part 1
Another sentence about Part 1
Part 2 Sentence
Sentence about Part 2
Another sentence about Part 2
Part 3 Sentence
Sentence about Part 3
Another sentence about part 3
Triple Golder: 1, 2, 3.



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Sentence about Part 3
Another sentence about part 3
Triple Golder: 1, 2, 3.

The important point to note is that Part 1, 2 and 3 sentences are **REPEATED** for easy transitions.



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I like soccer, baseball, and football.
Soccer is lots of fun.
I am a good hitter in baseball.
My dad and I play football.
Soccer is lots of fun.
I like running and scoring goals.
Someday I will be great at soccer.
I am a good hitter in baseball.
Practice has helped me hit.
I love to hit home runs.
My dad and I play football.
We play in the yard after dinner.
Sometimes I let my dad win.
I like soccer, baseball, and football.

If a kindergarten student can write the first paragraph, s/he has the skill necessary **TO WRITE THE REST!!!!** (Note color coding begins in the first sentence.)



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MORE! If a kindergarten student can write the **first sentence, the Triple Whammy**, s/he has the skill to write the rest!!!!

I like soccer, baseball, and football.
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I am a good hitter in baseball.
My dad and I play football.

Soccer is lots of fun.
I like running and scoring goals.
Someday I will be great at soccer.

I am a good hitter in baseball.
Practice has helped me hit.
I love to hit home runs.

My dad and I play football.
We play in the yard after dinner.
Sometimes I let my dad win.

I like soccer, baseball, and football.

Andrea's ELL Kindergarten: Triple Whammy Essays

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Now, how about an upper grade example? **Oh, that's a Dilly of a Dilly question!!!**

Puzzle 15

Solution: Puzzle 15

TOPIC SENTENCE
Part 1 Sentence
Part 2 Sentence
Part 3 Sentence

Paraphrase Part 1 Sentence
Several sentences about Part 1

Paraphrase Part 2 Sentence
Several sentences about Part 2

Paraphrase Part 3 Sentence
Several sentences about Part 3

Several conclusion sentences
Paraphrase TOPIC SENTENCE

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Puzzle 15

When kids have learned to write a Triple Whammy pattern, learning other essay patterns is much, much easier.

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Part 3 Sentence

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Several sentences about Part 1

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Several sentences about Part 2

Paraphrase Part 3 Sentence
Several sentences about Part 3

Several conclusion sentences
Paraphrase TOPIC SENTENCE

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Puzzle 15

For lots more examples of essay patterns, download "The Writing Game" at WholeBrainTeaching.com.

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Part 2 Sentence
Part 3 Sentence

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Several sentences about Part 1

Paraphrase Part 2 Sentence
Several sentences about Part 2

Paraphrase Part 3 Sentence
Several sentences about Part 3

Several conclusion sentences
Paraphrase TOPIC SENTENCE

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What would be the simplest way to teach kids to write Triple Whammies?

Who?
What?
 Where?
 When?
 Why?
 How?



Use Scaffolded sentence frames alternating Clinkers and Triple Whammies.

I like _____.

Double Clinker
 I like _____ and _____.

Double Whammy
 I like _____ and _____.

Triple Clinker
 I like _____, _____ and _____.

Triple Whammy
 I like _____, _____ and _____.



Teach me, teach me, teach me more scaffolded sentence frames that will show kids how to write Triple Whammies!



Scaffolded sentence frames alternate **Clinkers** and **Triple Whammies**.

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Double Clinker
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Double Whammy
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Triple Clinker
 I see _____, _____ and _____.

Triple Whammy
 I see _____, _____ and _____.



More Scaffolded sentence frames alternating **Clinkers** and **Triple Whammies**.

Our room is _____.

Double Clinker
 Our room is _____ and _____.

Double Whammy
 Our room is _____ and _____.

Triple Clinker
 Our room is _____, _____ and _____.

Triple Whammy
 Our room is _____, _____ and _____.



Reading can teach you _____.

Double Clinker
 Reading can teach you _____ and _____.

Double Whammy
 Reading can teach you _____ and _____.

Triple Clinker
 Reading can teach you _____, _____ and _____.

Triple Whammy
 Reading can teach you _____, _____ and _____.



Batman is _____.

Double Clinker

Batman is _____ and _____.

Double Whammy

Batman is _____ and _____.

Triple Clinker

Batman is _____, _____ and _____.

Triple Whammy

Batman is _____, _____ and _____.



Now, how about some upper grade examples of scaffolded sentence frames?



Lincoln's greatest achievement was _____.

Double Clinker

Two of Lincoln's greatest achievements were _____ and _____.

Double Whammy

Two of Lincoln's greatest achievements were _____ and _____.

Triple Clinker

Three of Lincoln's greatest achievements were _____, _____, and _____.

Triple Whammy

Three of Lincoln's greatest achievements were _____, _____, and _____.

A key feature of the scientific method is _____.

Double Clinker

Two key features of the scientific method are _____ and _____.

Double Whammy

Two key features of the scientific method are _____ and _____.

Triple Clinker

Three key features of the scientific method are _____, _____, and _____.

Triple Whammy

Three key features of the scientific method are _____, _____, and _____.

The problem in upper grades is that the sentence frames have to be very specific ... so you need lots of them. However, here is a powerful, scaffolded sentence frame that can be used repeatedly.



Simply list topics that can be plugged in: crime, sports, TV, video games, World War I, global warming, pollution, MTV, our president, politicians, the police, gangs, etc.



I believe _____ because _____.

Double Clinker

I believe _____ because _____ and _____.

Double Whammy

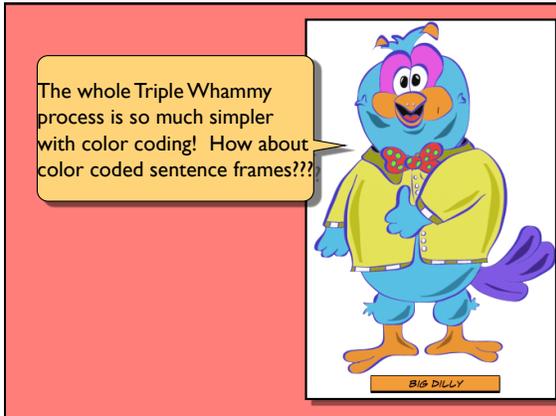
I believe _____ because _____ and _____.

Triple Clinker

I believe _____ because _____, _____, and _____.

Triple Whammy

I believe _____ because _____, _____, and _____.



Triple Whammy color coded sentence frames!

The main character is **part 1**, **part 2**, and **part 3**.
 The President should **part 1**, **part 2**, and **part 3**.
 The three steps in the experiment are: **part 1**, **part 2**, and **part 3**.
 To solve math word problems **part 1**, **part 2**, and **part 3**.
 I believe _____ because **part 1**, **part 2**, and **part 3**.
 The main causes of the Civil War were **part 1**, **part 2**, and **part 3**.
 Problems caused by global warming are **part 1**, **part 2**, and **part 3**.

Triple Whammy color coded paragraph frame!

The main character is **part 1**, **part 2**, and **part 3**.
Sentence about part 1. **Sentence about part 2.**
Sentence about part 3.

Triple Whammy color coded micro-essay!

The main character is **part 1**, **part 2**, and **part 3**.
Sentence about part 1. **Sentence about part 1.** **Sentence about part 2.**
Sentence about part 2. **Sentence about part 2.**
Sentence about part 3. **Sentence about part 3.**

The Triple Whammy color coded essay!

The main character is **part 1**, **part 2**, and **part 3**.
Sentence about part 1. **Sentence about part 1.** **Sentence about part 2.**
Sentence about part 2. **Sentence about part 2.**
Sentence about part 3. **Sentence about part 3.**
Blue paragraph
Green paragraph
Red Paragraph
 Conclusion including **blue**, **green** and **red** topics



Here is the whole Triple Whammy writing pattern!

Triple Whammy Scaffolding

- Triple Whammy Sentence
- Triple Whammy Paragraph
- Triple Whammy Micro Essay
- Triple Whammy Essay



Review!



What is Triple Whammy Writing?

1. What is the Triple Whammy Sentence?
2. What is the Triple Whammy Paragraph?
3. What is the Triple Whammy Micro-Essay?
4. What is the Triple Whammy Essay?
5. What is a Clunker?
6. What is Triple Whammy color coding?
7. What are the advantages of Triple Whammy Writing?

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