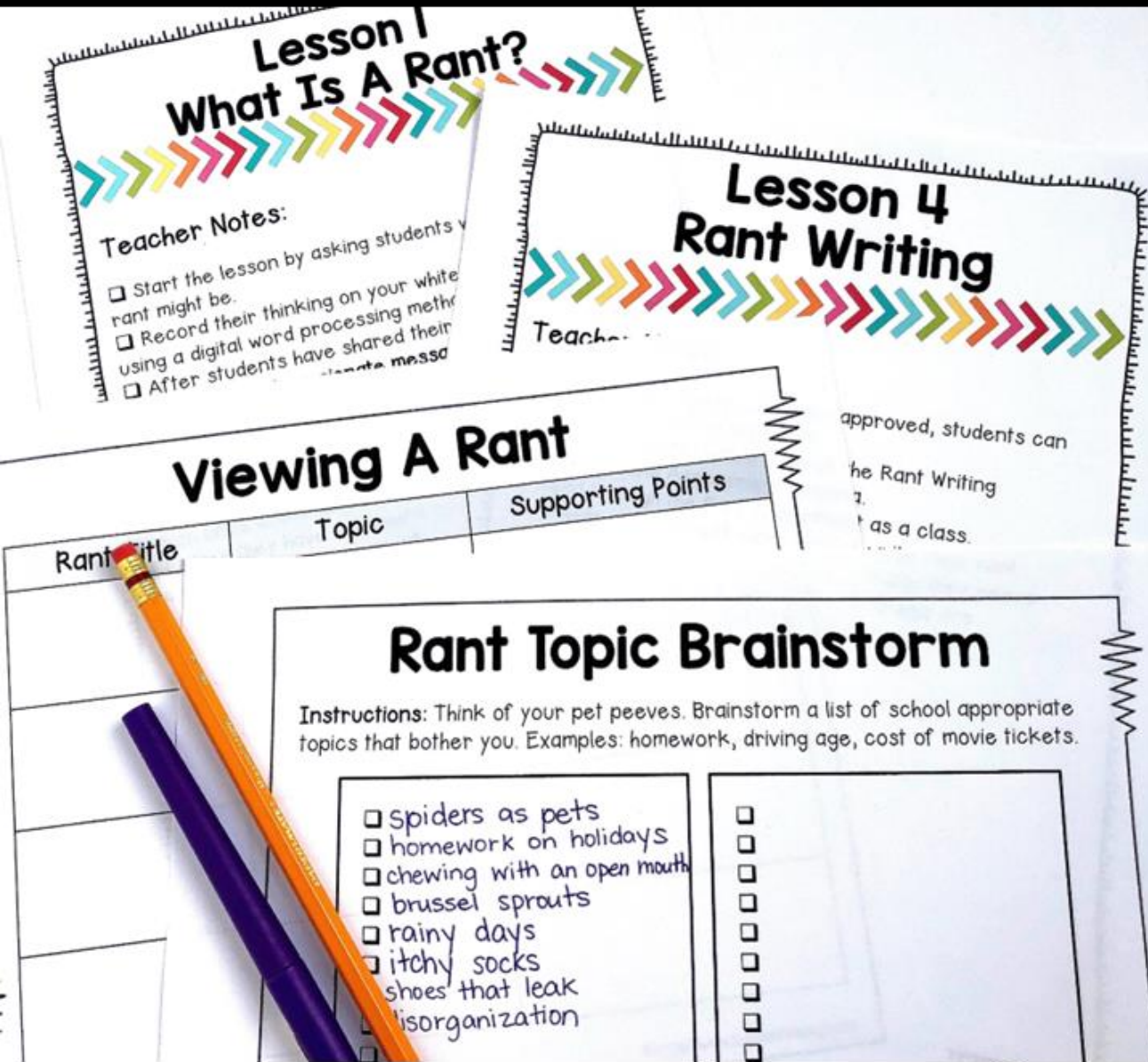


# Rant Writing Unit

## Persuasive Oral Presentation

# RESOURCE INCLUDES



- ✓ Detailed Lesson Plans
- ✓ Graphic Organizers
- ✓ Rant Video Examples (Internet Required)
- ✓ Assignment Sheet
- ✓ Editing Sheet
- ✓ Assessment Criteria
- ✓ Teaching Slides
- ✓ Google Slides and PDF Formats

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# LESSON OVERVIEW



1. What Is A Rant?
2. What Is An Effective Rant?
3. Rant Brainstorming
4. Rant Writing
5. Rant Editing
6. Rant Presentations

**WHOLE CLASS  
LESSONS**

**ORAL  
PRESENTATION**

**GROUP WORK**



## Lesson 1 What Is A Rant?

### Teacher Notes:

- ☐ Start the lesson by asking students what a rant might be.
- ☐ Record their thinking on your whiteboard.
- ☐ Record their thinking on your whiteboard using a digital word processing method.
- ☐ After students have shared their thoughts, facilitate a message.

## Lesson 4 Rant Writing

Teacher Notes:

## Viewing A Rant

Rant Title	Topic	Supporting Points

approved, students can  
the Rant Writing  
as a class.

## Rant Topic Brainstorm

**Instructions:** Think of your pet peeves. Brainstorm a list of school appropriate topics that bother you. Examples: homework, driving age, cost of movie tickets.

- ☐ spiders as pets
- ☐ homework on holidays
- ☐ chewing with an open mouth
- ☐ brussel sprouts
- ☐ rainy days
- ☐ itchy socks
- ☐ shoes that leak
- ☐ disorganization

**ENGAGING  
LITERACY LESSON**

# DETAILED TEACHER PAGES

## LESSON 1: WHAT IS A RANT?



### Materials Needed:

- [Rant Slideshow](#)
- Whiteboard, chart paper, markers, Google Slides®
- Computer and projector
- Viewing A Rant Organizer (class set)

### Teacher Notes:

1. The provided Google Slides walks the teacher and students through the following steps.
2. Start the lesson by asking students what they think a rant might be.
3. Record their thinking on your whiteboard, chart paper or using a digital word processing method such as Google Slides®.
4. After students have shared their ideas, explain that a rant is a short passionate message that tries to persuade the viewer to agree with the presented opinion.
5. Introduce Rick Mercer to the students.
6. Then, show the students the examples of rants by Canadian Comedian Rick Mercer.
7. Do not show all of the rants. Preview the rants and select ones that would appeal to your classes.
8. After they have watched each rant, have them turn and talk to their seat partner and fill out the rant viewing organizer.
9. As a whole class, review the Viewing A Rant graphic organizer before Lesson 2.

## ANSWER KEY

Rant Title	Main Idea	Supporting Evidence
Snow Days	Parent should not get upset about snow days.	1. Snow days have existed since 1867. 2. Kids in Toronto have not had a day off because of snow since 1999. 3. There is an entire generation of kids in Canada who don't know how good it feels to have a snow day and play outside.
Winter Driving	Snow tires are very important for winter driving.	1. There is no such thing as all season tires just as there is no such thing as all season footwear. 2. A man stated that all season tires are just as good, even after getting into a car accident. 3. The provincial police said there were over 900 minor collisions in Toronto in the first 5 cm of snow.
Escalators and Elevators	People should know the proper etiquette for using escalators and elevators.	1. The left lane is considered the passing lane. 2. It was designed to keep people moving fast not slowing them down. 3. During the holiday seasons it gets very busy.

# SAMPLE PAGES

## VIEWING A RANT



Rant Title	Main Idea	Supporting Evidence

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## RANT PLANNING



**Instructions:** Select four topics from your Rant Topic Brainstorm Organizer, and explain them in detail below.

Possible Topic	Supporting Evidence
	1. 2. 3.
	1. 2. 3.
	1. 2. 3.
	1. 2. 3.

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# LESSON FORMATS



**PDF**

✓ Individual & Whole Unit



**DIGITAL**

✓ Google Slides

**RESOURCE CAN BE USED IN-PERSON OR ONLINE**