

# **Six Traits**

## Ideas

Notebook: Writing Activities

# Ideas

- the main message is clear
- Use a balance of showing and telling
- specific details
- unique and memorable description
- writing is focused

# Deciding on a topic & pre-writing

Use *Patterns* book Ch. 2 “Invention” & Writing Foldable

- Questions for Probing (p. 34)
- Prewriting: Brainstorm, freewrite, web, outline, graphic organizer
- Create a clear thesis statement (p.44-47)

# Activity

Read *The Squiggle* by Carole Lexa Schaefer

excerpts here: <http://www.amazon.com/The-Squiggle-Carole-Lexa-Schaefer/dp/0517885794>

-Select one “squiggle” (see cards). Rotate squiggle to desired perspective. Trace squiggle in your notebook. Create something with this squiggle.

Draw/color (8 minutes)

-Now write. Create a story. (5 minutes)

How many different ideas will there be???

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