

Writer's name: *Teacher Overhead Example*

The Important Thing about Writing...is the memorable details  
an original WritingFix writing assignment (<http://writingfix.org>)

### The Important thing about CANDY...

Help your teacher transform ORDINARY details into MEMORABLE details!

Ordinary Details:	Memorable Details:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candy tastes good.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When candy touches my tongue, pure happiness drips into my bloodstream.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candy is full of delicious sugar.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candy comes in colorful wrappers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You get lots of candy on Halloween.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kids usually like candy more than grown-ups do.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

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**Remember the Details!**  
by Sandy L., eighth grade writer

The most important thing about details is that you remember them long after you have stopped reading my piece of writing. Details are there to describe the settings, characters, and things in your story. Details can come right before nouns if they are adjectives (like *pretty* or *ridiculous*), or they can come after nouns when they are prepositional phrases (like *with the broken nose* or *beneath the bubbling sea*). Details are what help you go from having a good description to having a great description. But the most important thing about details is that you remember them long after you have stopped reading my piece of writing.

**Paragraphs**  
by Phillip J., fourth grade writer

The most important thing about a paragraph is that it sticks to the topic. Paragraphs start with one of those spaces that's called *indenting*. Paragraphs should probably be at least four or five sentences long. Paragraphs shouldn't get too long. But the most important thing about a paragraph is that it sticks to the topic.

**I Love Adjectives**  
by Ariel M., third grade writer

The most important thing about an adjective is that you choose the best one. Don't choose just easy adjectives. Adjectives help you describe things better. Adjectives can be colors. I really love adjectives. But the most important thing about an adjective is that you choose the best one.

Today you'll use this worksheet to help you plan three paragraphs inspired by The Important Book. After you choose each topic, first choose the most important thing and write that down. Then think up three **REALLY INTERESTING DETAILS** about your topic and write them down. Finally, come back to your first sentence.

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Really great detail #1:

Really great detail #2:

Really great detail #3:

But the most important thing about \_\_\_\_\_ is:

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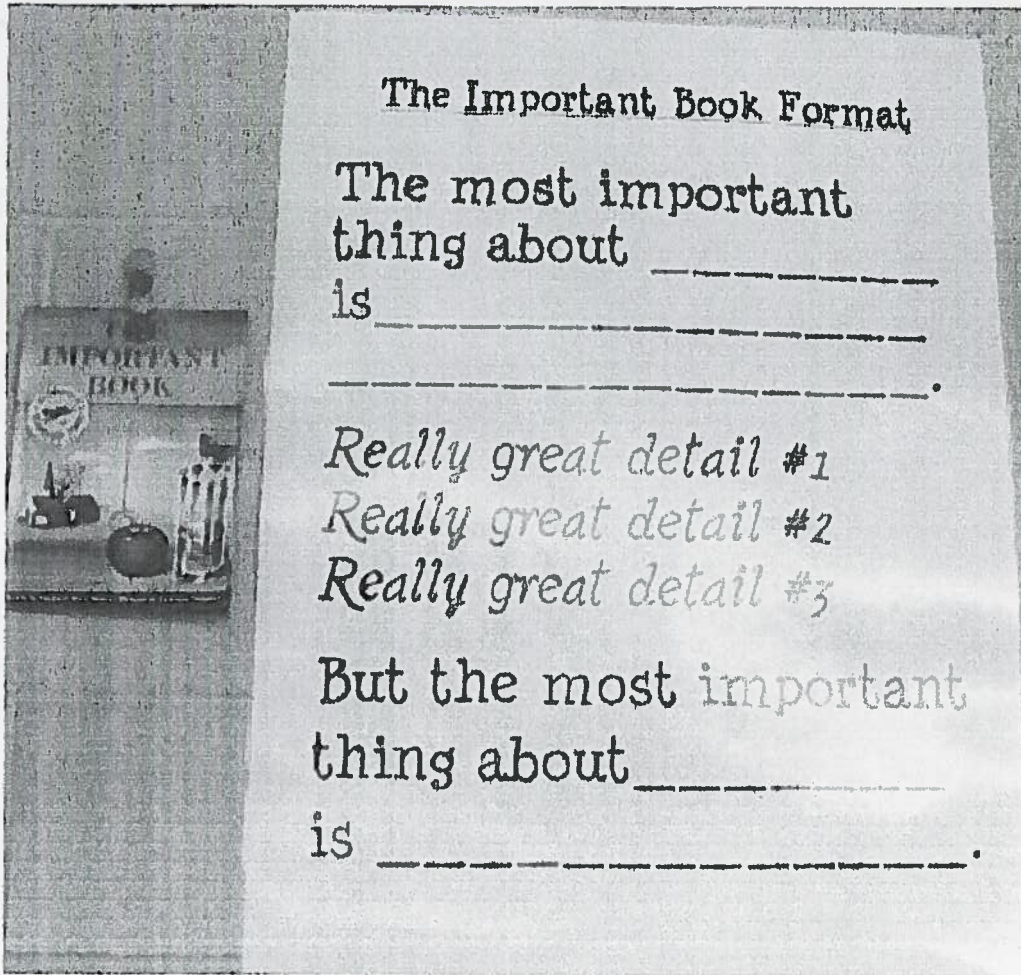
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The Important Book Format

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- Really great detail #1
- Really great detail #2
- Really great detail #3

But the most important thing about \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.