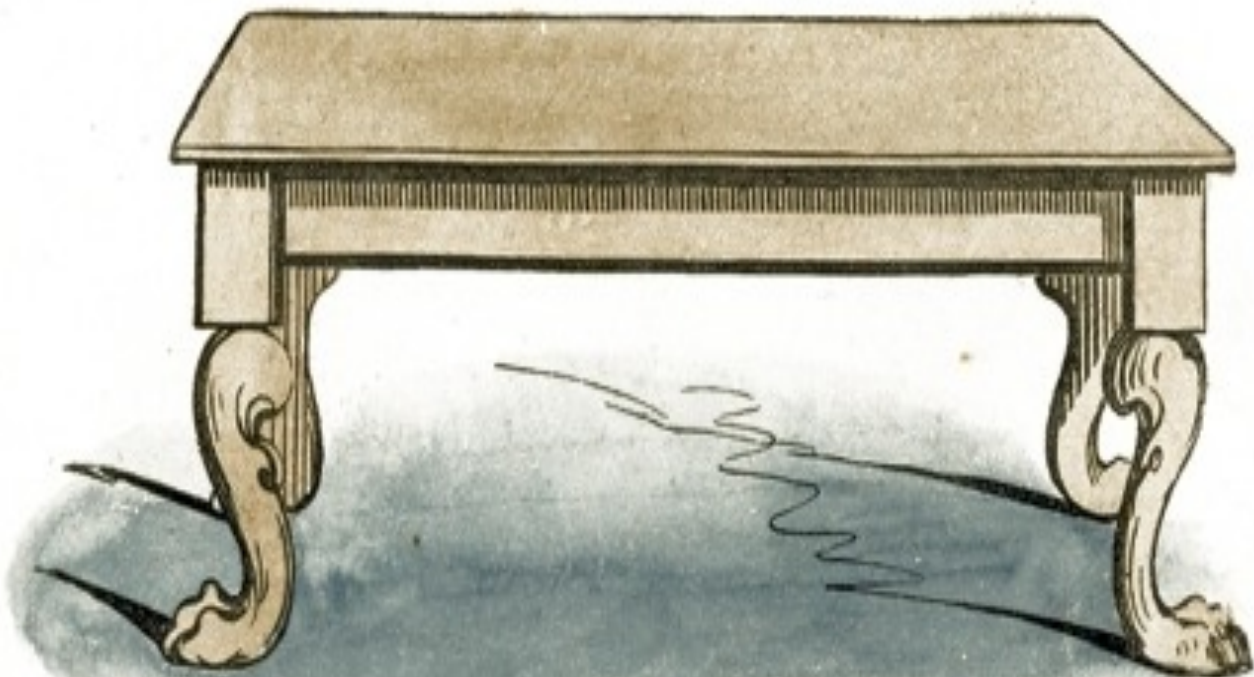


“The Famous Dinner Table”

Writing with Dialogue



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Hello!

Thank you for choosing one of my products! My students absolutely love this activity every year, and I know your students will, too! I usually do this activity right after I have taught my students how to properly punctuate dialogue.

Each student in your class will be having a dinner party and may invite four guests for this writing activity. The guests must be famous, and they may be from the past or the present. They may be from any field (entertainment, sports, politics, medicine, science, etc.) This is where the fun begins! I always tell my students to invite a combination of guests who will have some fun discussion at the dinner table. Imagine the conversation between George Washington and Justin Bieber! It makes my students laugh just thinking about it! The combinations that they come up with each year never cease to amaze me. Just reading these narratives makes ME laugh out loud, too!

We use the brainstorming sheets first to plan our parties, and my students can't wait to get started writing. I have included pages for the rough draft and good copy for your convenience.

When finished, my students love to illustrate the party as well. These are great narratives to share aloud. Have fun thinking of new ways to use this activity in your classroom. Enjoy! 😊

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Brainstorming 1



You will be having an amazing dinner party full of great food and great conversation! However, like any good host or hostess, you first must do some planning. Fill out Brainstorming Sheet 1 to help you think of some ideas for your party.

Why?

List some possible reasons for your dinner party. What are you celebrating?

Where?

List some possible locations for your party.

When?

List some possible dates and times for your party.

Name: _____

Brainstorming 2:

The Guest List



You may invite four people to the party for a total of five (including you). Your four guests must be **famous people** (either from the present or the past). Try to choose people who would have some interesting conversations at your party. Make a list of possible dinner guests below. List as many people as you like.

Possible Guests:

Name: _____

Brainstorming 3:

The Guest List



Now look back at your possible guest list and narrow it down to just four guests. List those guests below. Next to each guest, list some topics he/she might want to talk about during dinner. Also, list some character traits of each person that might be evident at dinner.

Guest	Topics	Character Traits



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