

Structures – RAFTS

RAFT

- is an acronym for Role, Audience, Format, Topic. These headings are written across the top of a grid and a number of options are created. Students

choose an option or the teacher selects it for them. Students read across the columns to learn the role they are going to assume, the audience they will address, the format in which they will do the work, and the topic they are going to explore.

e.g., Novel Study

Role	Audience	Format	Topic
Book critic	readers of a daily newspaper	newspaper column	conflict
Etc.	Etc.	Etc.	Etc.
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RAFTs can be created to address student interests (especially in the topic and role columns), student learning preferences (in the format column) and varied stages of readiness by altering the difficulty or complexity of some of the rows or creating separate R.A.F.T. assignments for different groups of learners.