

Flashback Narratives Answer Key

Teachers should check for:

- A clear present time scene set in the **storage room**.
- A flashback that is triggered by the discovered **object**.
- A return to the present after the flashback.
- Logical transitions that help the reader understand the shift in time.
- Age-appropriate narrative development for Grades 5 to 8.

There is no single correct answer. The focus is correct use of a flashback and clarity of time shift.

Teacher's Guide

Purpose: This worksheet helps students practice including flashbacks to add depth, context, and emotional meaning to their narratives.

- Review what a flashback is and how it shows an earlier moment in a character's life.
- Model a simple time shift by writing two short sentences: one in the present and one that begins with a memory cue such as **I suddenly remembered** or **My mind went back to**.
- Encourage students to plan their flashback before writing.

Differentiation Tips:

- For emerging writers: Provide sentence starters for entering and exiting the flashback.
- For developing writers: Challenge them to show how the flashback changes the character's understanding or feelings in the present.
- Offer a word bank with terms like **box, dusty, remember, years ago, childhood, center, memory, found**.

Engagement Ideas:

- Let them brainstorm items that might trigger memories, such as a ticket, a small trophy, or a postcard.
- Allow peer sharing of flashback ideas before drafting.