Nonfiction-text/personal description-text of a frog

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1. **Hook:** Book; “The River” by David Bellamy
2. **Purpose:** To write nonfiction-text/personal description-text of a frog
   - **The goals** for this lesson:
     - Get to know better the genre personal description
     - Get to know facts about the lifecycle of the frog
     - Performance your text clear and with great enthusiasm (if time)

   **The assessment sheet:**
   “Now you are going to write a description of a frog. Your story will present facts through a unique voice “I”. Give the frog personality. Remember to use lot of adjectives and fancy words. The description of a frog must contain”:

   - A paragraph of who you are and how you look
   - A paragraph of how you behave yourself, strong qualities
   - A paragraph of what you do during the day
   - A paragraph of something wired, scary or amazing and funny happened once
   - An illustration that show the development of the frog, from birth to grown-up at the end of the text

3. **First read the sheet of facts** about the frog (individually).
4. **Brainstorm:** Structured mindmap frog: Great looking, behavior, strong qualities, what to do during a day, wired, scary or amazing and funny happened (everybody do like I do, draw the mind map on the blackboard/smartboard, describe what the words mean, and write two/three words to each circle), after ca 5 minutes, all together: Everybody brings their own mindmap and we fill words in my big one.
5. **Scoring guide:** Look at the assessment sheet.
6. **Model:** Mentortext Ida. (Introduce number 7 first).
7. **Planning scheme:** Write keywords/sentences, look at the mindmap for ideas/inspiration to use for your own writing.
8. **Sharing:** Read to each other from the planning scheme, and check the Scoring Guide, make X for each other.
9. **Write the text** on the “presentation-sheet”.
10. **Draw an illustration** that show the development of the frog, from birth to grown-up, and put it at the end of the text.