

Task for The Garret: Alex Miller

Culminating rich assessment task

This is an exercise in moving from the present to the past and back for students to explore their changing selves between then and now.

For this task, they will tell an oral story to their classmates in which they reflect on their shifting 'self'. To do this they will need to find several photographs from a much earlier time in their life and reflect on the sort of person they were then.

They should plan a story based on the memories triggered by the photographs both to entertain their audience and also to reveal what sort of person they think they used to be.

Students should now reflect on how they have changed into a different self over the intervening years, and plan a short account to reveal the sort of person they think they are now.

Method of work

Begin your oral story by using this account as *a framing story* in present tense. For example, you might begin: 'Just the other day I was going through a box of photographs when I came across.....'

Then continue this account to give your audience some sense of the sort of person you are now: your present self.

Move to a story about yourself as revealed in the photographs. This will be *an embedded story* within the framing story. Tell it in past tense.

Return to present time and round off the story by showing how you are today a different self from the one shown in the photographs.

The two stories (framing and embedded) could reveal some continuity between then and now (similarities between yourself then and now) or some radical change over the years.

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