**Writing Activity: Elves on Strike**

**Part I: Writing Prompt**

**Directions:**
1.) Read the story starter below.

![Christmas Elves on Strike!](image)

*We're on strike. That's it. We are tired of working day after day with no breaks and no holidays. We are fed up with working for zero wages. We're sick of the cramped, confined sleeping and working quarters at the workshop. And most of all, we refuse to wear these silly, uncomfortable elf suits anymore. We, the Union of Workshop Elves, refuse to make any more toys until the following demands are met:*

2.) From the story starter, the students are going to complete the rest of the story by using their imaginations.

**Part II: Brainstorm Activity**

**Directions:**
1.) In order to complete the rest of the story from the “story starter,” the students will need to brainstorm their ideas.

2.) The students will use a graphic organizer (see attached) to organize their thoughts to complete the story about “Christmas Elves on Strike!”
Part III: Rough Draft

Directions:
1.) The students will take their ideas from their graphic organizers and write a rough draft.

2.) The students will need to remember the following things when writing their rough drafts:
   - Write the title *(Christmas Elves on Strike!)* at the top of the paper.
   - Rewrite the story starter.
   - Using their graphic organizers, the students will write a middle and ending for the story starter.

* skip lines when writing so the teacher can proof read your paper *
* see below for an example of a rough draft *

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Example Writing

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