Objective

By the end of this lesson, Tanner will have a better understanding of storytelling elements such as character development, themes, and plot structure through the lens of popular anime like Dragon Ball, One Piece, and Naruto. Tanner will also learn how to analyze and compare different narratives and characters in these series.

Materials and Prep

- Notebook or journal for notes and reflections
- Pens or pencils for writing
- Access to episodes or chapters of Dragon Ball, One Piece, and Naruto (if available)
- Whiteboard or large paper for brainstorming (optional)
- Basic knowledge of the main characters and story arcs in the three series

Activities

1. **Character Comparison Chart:** Create a chart comparing the main characters from each of the anime. Include their strengths, weaknesses, motivations, and growth throughout the series. This will help Tanner understand how different characters can embody various themes and traits.

2. **Story Arc Mapping:** Choose a favorite story arc from one of the series and map it out. Tanner can identify the beginning, middle, and end, as well as key events that drive the plot forward. This visual aid will enhance comprehension of narrative structure.

3. **Creative Writing Prompt:** Write a short story or fan fiction that combines elements from all three series. Tanner can create a new character or a crossover scenario that involves characters from Dragon Ball, One Piece, and Naruto working together. This will encourage creativity and application of storytelling techniques.

4. **Theme Discussion:** Discuss the main themes present in each series, such as friendship, perseverance, and the battle between good and evil. Tanner can write down examples from the shows that illustrate these themes and share them in a discussion.

Talking Points

- "What makes a character relatable? Think about their struggles and how they overcome challenges."
- "How do the different story arcs in each series connect to the characters? Can you see their growth?"
- "What themes do you notice in Dragon Ball versus One Piece? How do they handle similar ideas differently?"
- "When writing your own story, how can you incorporate elements from these series while

making it unique?"

- "Why do you think these series have become so popular? What do they offer that resonates with viewers?"