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GOODBYE 2023!

Imagine life is a TV show, and you're the main character. (Everyone is the main character of their own story.) You're writing the script. The plot may twist and turn, but as the writers of our show, we get to choose the main character's **actions**, **thoughts**, and **attitudes**.

2023 was another year of change, challenges, and opportunities. Sometimes, before we start a new act or scene in life, it's good to pause and reflect on some of the earlier episodes in our story. Use the table below to brainstorm all of the great moments you had and the tough obstacles you had to face in 2023!

	<i>GREAT MOMENTS!</i>	<i>TOUGH OBSTACLES...</i>
In class		
At school		
Outside of school		

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HELLO 2024!

The New Year is a great time to set goals. We call these New Year's Resolutions! Google search defines a resolution as "a firm decision to do or not to do something."

Think about what happened in 2023. We can't always change what happens to us, but we can always change our attitudes and actions. Use the table below to brainstorm things you want to do more of and things you want to do less of in 2024.

	<i>I WILL DO ...</i>	
	<i>... <u>MORE</u> OF THIS!</i>	<i>... <u>LESS</u> OF THAT!</i>
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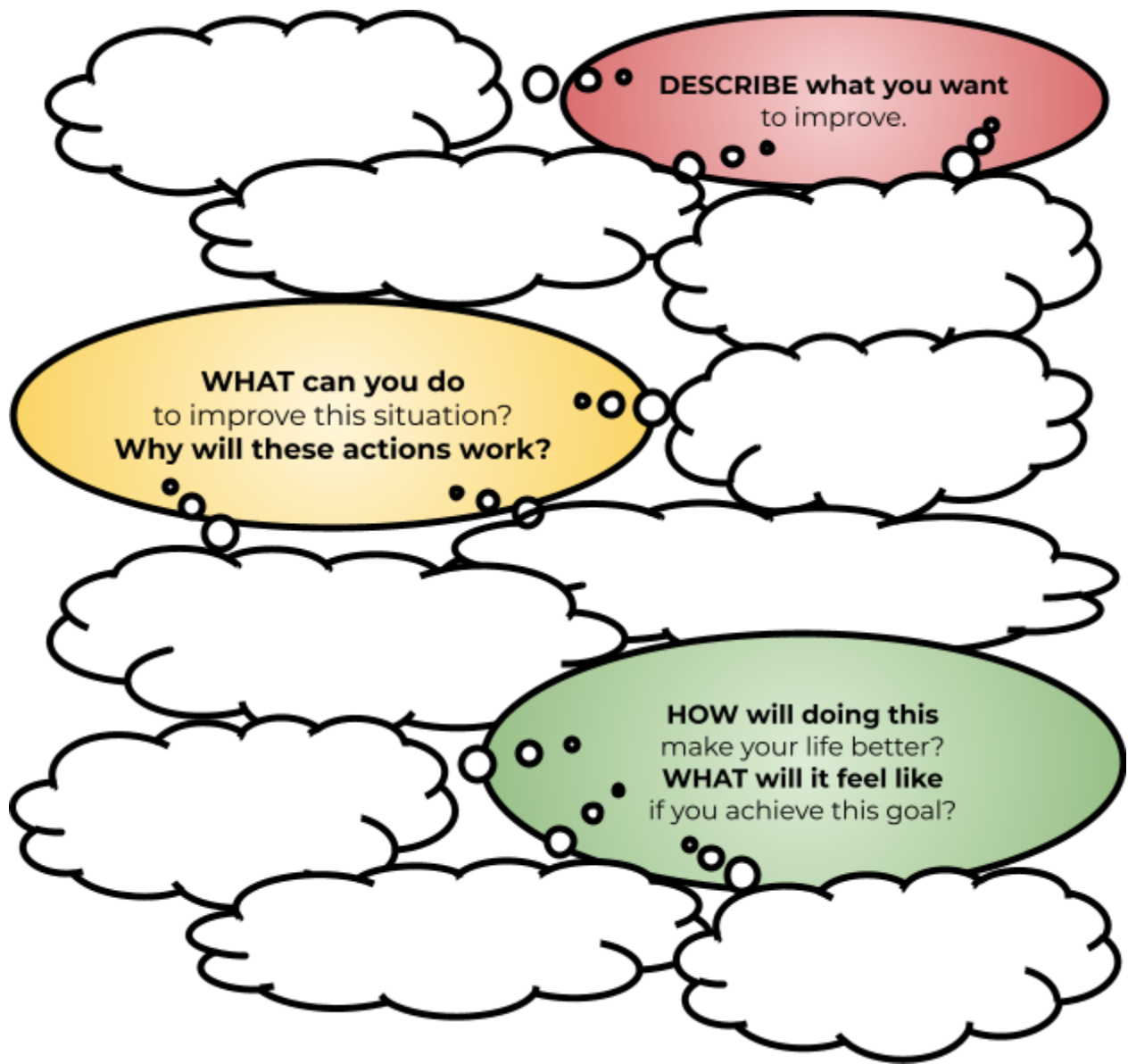
MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Look back at your list of things you want to do more of and things you want to do less of.

Pretend you could only choose to do one of these goals. Which goal would improve your life the most? Write down that goal below.

This year, I will _____

Fill out the thought bubbles below to think more about this goal!



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MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Write a paragraph about your New Year's Resolution! Make sure to include the following:

- What is your goal?
- Describe what you want to improve.
- Describe what you can do to improve the situation and how this will help.
- Explain how doing this resolution will make your life better and explain what it will feel like if you achieve this goal.
- Summarize your goal.

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My New Year's Resolution Paragraph Rubric

	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
Ideas	<p>You answered all of the guiding questions.</p> <p>You very clearly explain your Back to School resolution with strong support.</p>	<p>You answered all the guiding questions.</p> <p>Your Back to School resolution is clear and you have good support.</p>	<p>You tried to answer the guiding questions.</p> <p>Your paragraph is a little bit confusing because there's not enough support or there are irrelevant details.</p>	<p>You answered few of the guiding questions.</p> <p>There really isn't a central idea in your paragraph. There's not enough support or there are too many irrelevant details.</p>
Organization	<p>Your writing is effectively organized in a logical manner that really prove your point</p> <p>Your ideas flow very well</p> <p>You have an engaging introduction linked to your conclusion.</p>	<p>Your writing is organized and guides the reader through your support.</p> <p>Your ideas flow well</p> <p>You have a clear introduction and summarize your point in your conclusion</p>	<p>The organization of your paragraph is mechanical.</p> <p>You have a list of facts or ideas that are not well connected.</p> <p>Your introduction or conclusion may not be well developed or make sense.</p>	<p>There isn't a clear sense of direction with your ideas.</p> <p>Your ideas are loosely or randomly strung together.</p> <p>Ineffective or missing introduction and conclusion</p>
Conventions (capitalization, grammar usage, punctuation, spelling)	<p>You have strong mastery of standard writing conventions.</p> <p>There may be a few errors due to experimentation.</p>	<p>You have good control of writing conventions.</p> <p>The work is generally correct.</p>	<p>There are several errors...</p> <p>... but they don't interfere with the readability</p>	<p>There are many errors...</p> <p>... I have trouble reading your paragraph.</p>