

NAME .....

Chapter 2 Lesson 4 (pp. 33–35)

**Add a Clincher Sentence****Activity A** Read the paragraph below. They decide which is the best closing sentence, and circle the correct letter.

E.E. Cummings, a famous American poet, is often remembered for writing poems without capital letters. There was a rumor that Cummings changed his name to contain all lowercase letters, but the rumor proved false. Cummings wrote most of his works in free verse. He even used an unusual typographical form in some poems, such as placing letters and words to form an image. Cummings believed that the way a poem looks can influence its meaning.

- Emily Dickinson also often wrote in free verse and used unusual punctuation.
- Cummings often included messages in his seemingly simple poems.
- While Cummings wrote in a unique and often misunderstood way, his poetry is still widely read and greatly admired today.

**Activity B**

Read the paragraph below. Write an appropriate closing sentence.

Famous poet and critic T.S. Eliot struggled to find a balance between being American and British, a topic which he often explored in his poetry. Born in St. Louis, he cut off his American ties at the age of 25. Except for a short time as a professor at Harvard, Eliot moved permanently to London. He even dropped his American citizenship and became a British subject at the age of 39.

---



---

**Activity C**

Write a paragraph about your favorite book, story, or poem. Make sure you include an appropriate clincher sentence.

---



---



---



---