

Writing Block

Some Mini-Lessons That Might Be Included in the Modeling

Class Procedures for Workshop

- Organizing Folders
- Signing Up for Conferences
- Peer Revising and Editing

Grammar/Usage (Show how these make writing clearer, stronger, more effective)

- Pronoun Agreement
- Correct Antecedent
- Subject-Verb Agreement
- Parts of Speech

Punctuation/Mechanics

- Appropriate end punctuation
- Commas
- Semi-Colons
- Apostrophes
- Appositives
- Dashes
- Ellipses

Writing Process

- Pre-writing
Brainstorming/Jot Lists
Graphic Organizers
Narrowing a Topic
- First Drafts
Dealing with spelling and correctness
Organizing for the draft
Paragraphing
Audience
- Revisions
Developing Ideas
Relevance of Topics
Sentence Variety (including clauses, phrases)
Transitions from Idea to Idea
Voice
Diction
Multiple Days of Writing
Continuing Drafts

Resources (thesaurus, encyclopedia, internet, etc.)

- Editing
 - Conventions
 - Proofreading and Proofreading Marks
 - Resources (dictionary, thesaurus, etc.)
 - Editing with Peers - (What to look for; Being constructive)
 - Editing with the Teacher
 - Final Copies (setting standards, computer use, etc.)

When It's Time to Move from One Step of the Writing Process to the Next

How to Re-connect to Text When Writing Multiple-Day Pieces

Writing for Different Audiences

Writing for Different Purposes (to entertain, to inform, to persuade)

Responding to Literature

Creating Literary Elements (mood, tone, setting, character, plot)

Creating a personae

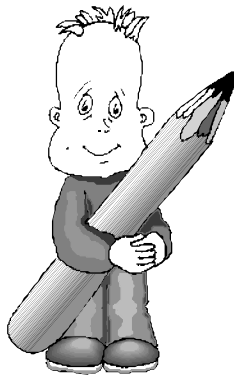
Choosing an appropriate point of view

Genres of Writing (fiction, non-fiction, biographies, mysteries, poetry)

Characteristics of various genres

Modes of Writing (narrative, descriptive, expository, persuasive)

Forms of Writing (letters, research reports, scripts)



Some Real-World Writing Tasks

Thank-you notes

Job Inquires

Business letters

Friendly letters

Editorial letters

Job Applications

College Applications

Placing Orders

Summary Reports

Travel Directions

Recipes

How-To Directions

Taking Messages

Taking Notes

Sending Faxes

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