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### Chapter 2 : Helpful Suggestions for Writing Instruction - Writing A-Z

*From pre-writing organizers and vocabulary building activities to creative writing prompts across all genres and skill levels, these worksheets will build your writer's confidence and provide limitless opportunities to develop and apply their new writing skills.*

**Proven Tools and Methods** It is an understatement to say these units have been piloted many times. The teaching in these books has been planned, taught, revised, and retaught, through a cycle of improvement involving literally thousands of classrooms in schools dotting the globe. The 7 Essentials of Writing Instruction "When a student enters your school, what promise do you make about the writing education he or she will receive? Writing needs to be taught like any other basic skill, with explicit instruction and ample opportunity for practice. Almost every day, every student needs between fifty and sixty minutes for writing instruction. Writers write to put meaning onto the page. Young people will especially invest themselves in their writing if they write about subjects that are important to them. The easiest way to support investment in writing is to teach children to choose their own topics most of the time. Children deserve to be explicitly taught how to write. Instruction matters"and this includes instruction in spelling and conventions, as well as in the qualities and strategies of good writing. Students deserve the opportunity and instruction necessary for them to cycle through the writing process as they write: For children to write well, they need opportunities to read and hear texts read, and to read as insiders, studying what other authors have done that they, too, could try. Students deserve clear goals and frequent feedback. They need to hear ways their writing is getting better and to know what their next steps might be. Download Guide Chapter Read More. To read more about how you can work with colleagues to articulate the vision guiding writing instruction at your school, download the sample chapter for your grade level, excerpted from A Guide to the Writing Workshop Primary, Intermediate, and Middle School Grades. Series Components Units of Study Four Units of Study per grade level include all the teaching points, minilessons, conferences, and small group work for a comprehensive workshop curriculum. A Guide to the Writing Workshop Describes the essential principles, methods, and structures of effective writing workshop instruction. Available for separate purchase"ideal for administrators and coaches who are supporting implementation of Units of Study. Performance Assessments and Learning Progressions A powerful assessment system offering learning progressions, performance assessments, student checklists, rubrics, and leveled writing exemplars. Trade Book Packs recommended optional purchase Across each unit, trade books are used to model effective writing techniques, encourage students to read as writers, and provide background knowledge. Online Resources The Online Resources offer downloadable, printable files for the anchor charts, student exemplars, homework assignments, checklists, and assessment resources. Online Resources - Spanish Translations Spanish translations of resources such as teaching points, anchor charts, and student self-assessment resources are provided, along with lists of Spanish-language mentor texts. Grade-Level Video Orientations In these video courses, Lucy Calkins and her colleagues provide an overview of the units along with tips and guidelines to help teachers get off to a good start. Who should choose the Up the Ladder units? Teachers in grades 3"6 whose students are new to writing workshop Teachers in grades 3 and up who want to help students accelerate their progress in writing Teachers in intermediate grades who want to give their students a refresher in writing workshop fundamentals Note that Up the Ladder units are not meant to be an alternative to the core Units of Study, but rather a ramp to accelerate kids to the grade-level work they will do in those units.

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### Chapter 3 : Units of Study Opinion, Information, and Narrative Writing

*30 Ideas for Teaching Writing. Summary: Few sources available today offer writing teachers such succinct, practice-based help—which is one reason why 30 Ideas for Teaching Writing was the winner of the Association of Education Publishers Distinguished Achievement Award for Instructional Materials.*

Introduce multi-genre writing in the context of community service. When Michael rode his bike without training wheels for the first time, this occasion provided a worthwhile topic to write about. We became a community. Establish an email dialogue between students from different schools who are reading the same book. When high school teacher Karen Murar and college instructor Elaine Ware, teacher-consultants with the Western Pennsylvania Writing Project, discovered students were scheduled to read the August Wilson play *Fences* at the same time, they set up email communication between students to allow some "teacherless talk" about the text. Rather than typical teacher-led discussion, the project fostered independent conversation between students. Formal classroom discussion of the play did not occur until students had completed all email correspondence. Though teachers were not involved in student online dialogues, the conversations evidenced the same reading strategies promoted in teacher-led discussion, including predication, clarification, interpretation, and others. Back to top 3. Use writing to improve relations among students. Diane Waff, co-director of the Philadelphia Writing Project, taught in an urban school where boys outnumbered girls four to one in her classroom. The situation left girls feeling overwhelmed, according to Waff, and their "voices faded into the background, overpowered by more aggressive male voices. She then introduced literature that considered relationships between the sexes, focusing on themes of romance, love, and marriage. In the beginning there was a great dissonance between male and female responses. According to Waff, "Girls focused on feelings; boys focused on sex, money, and the fleeting nature of romantic attachment. Help student writers draw rich chunks of writing from endless sprawl. Jan Matsuoka, a teacher-consultant with the Bay Area Writing Project California, describes a revision conference she held with a third grade English language learner named Sandee, who had written about a recent trip to Los Angeles. I made a small frame out of a piece of paper and placed it down on one of her drawings—a sketch she had made of a visit with her grandmother. Back to top 5. For each letter of the alphabet, the students find an appropriately descriptive word for themselves. Students elaborate on the word by writing sentences and creating an illustration. In the process, they make extensive use of the dictionary and thesaurus. One student describes her personality as sometimes "caustic," illustrating the word with a photograph of a burning car in a war zone. Her caption explains that she understands the hurt her "burning" sarcastic remarks can generate. Back to top 6. Help students analyze text by asking them to imagine dialogue between authors. John Levine, a teacher-consultant with the Bay Area Writing Project California, helps his college freshmen integrate the ideas of several writers into a single analytical essay by asking them to create a dialogue among those writers. He tells his students, for instance, "imagine you are the moderator of a panel discussion on the topic these writers are discussing. The essay follows from this preparation. Back to top 7. Spotlight language and use group brainstorming to help students create poetry. The following is a group poem created by second grade students of Michelle Fler, a teacher-consultant with the Dakota Writing Project South Dakota. Underwater Crabs crawl patiently along the ocean floor searching for prey. Fish soundlessly weave their way through slippery seaweed Whales whisper to others as they slide through the salty water. And silent waves wash into a dark cave where an octopus is sleeping. Fler helped her students get started by finding a familiar topic. In this case her students had been studying sea life. She asked them to brainstorm language related to the sea, allowing them time to list appropriate nouns, verbs, and adjectives. The students then used these words to create phrases and used the phrases to produce the poem itself. Back to top 8. Ask students to reflect on and write about their writing. Douglas James Joyce, a teacher-consultant with the Denver Writing Project, makes use of what he calls "metawriting" in his college writing classes. He sees metawriting writing about writing as a way to help

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students reduce errors in their academic prose. Joyce explains one metawriting strategy: He instructs the student to write a one page essay, comparing and contrasting three sources that provide guidance on the established use of that particular convention, making sure a variety of sources are available. Ease into writing workshops by presenting yourself as a model. Glorianne Bradshaw, a teacher-consultant with the Red River Valley Writing Project North Dakota , decided to make use of experiences from her own life when teaching her first-graders how to write. For example, on an overhead transparency she shows a sketch of herself stirring cookie batter while on vacation. She writes the phrase "made cookies" under the sketch. Then she asks students to help her write a sentence about this. She writes the words who, where, and when. Using these words as prompts, she and the students construct the sentence, "I made cookies in the kitchen in the morning. Then she asks them, "Tell me more. Do the cookies have chocolate chips? Does the pizza have pepperoni? Rather than taking away creativity, Bradshaw believes this kind of structure gives students a helpful format for creativity. Back to top Get students to focus on their writing by holding off on grading. Stephanie Wilder found that the grades she gave her high school students were getting in the way of their progress. The weaker students stopped trying. Other students relied on grades as the only standard by which they judged their own work. She continued to comment on papers, encourage revision, and urge students to meet with her for conferences. But she waited to grade the papers. It took a while for students to stop leafing to the ends of their papers in search of a grade, and there was some grumbling from students who had always received excellent grades. But she believes that because she was less quick to judge their work, students were better able to evaluate their efforts themselves. Erin Pirnot Ciccone, teacher-consultant with the Pennsylvania Writing and Literature Project , found a way to make more productive the "Monday morning gab fest" she used as a warm-up with her fifth grade students. She conceived of "Headline News. The writers then told the stories behind their headlines. As each student had only three minutes to talk, they needed to make decisions about what was important and to clarify details as they proceeded. On Tuesday, students committed their stories to writing. Give students a chance to write to an audience for real purpose. Slagle, high school teacher and teacher-consultant with the Louisville Writing Project Kentucky , understands the difference between writing for a hypothetical purpose and writing to an audience for real purpose. She illustrates the difference by contrasting two assignments. Write a review of an imaginary production of the play we have just finished studying in class. They must adapt to a voice that is not theirs and pretend to have knowledge they do not have. Slagle developed a more effective alternative: Practice and play with revision techniques. Mark Farrington, college instructor and teacher-consultant with the Northern Virginia Writing Project , believes teaching revision sometimes means practicing techniques of revision. An exercise like "find a place other than the first sentence where this essay might begin" is valuable because it shows student writers the possibilities that exist in writing. In his college fiction writing class, Farrington asks students to choose a spot in the story where the main character does something that is crucial to the rest of the story. At that moment, Farrington says, they must make the character do the exact opposite. Bernadette Lambert, teacher-consultant with the Kennesaw Mountain Writing Project Georgia , wondered what would happen if she had her sixth-grade students pair with an adult family member to read a book. She asked the students about the kinds of books they wanted to read mysteries, adventure, ghost stories and the adults about the kinds of books they wanted to read with the young people character-building values, multiculturalism, no ghost stories. Using these suggestions for direction, Lambert developed a list of 30 books. From this list, each student-adult pair chose one. They committed themselves to read and discuss the book and write separate reviews. Most of the students, says Lambert, were proud to share a piece of writing done by their adult reading buddy. Several admitted that they had never before had this level of intellectual conversation with an adult family member. Teach "tension" to move students beyond fluency. One day, in front of the class, she demonstrated tension with a rubber band. Looped over her finger, the rubber band merely dangled. The initial prompt read, "Think of a friend who is special to you. Write about something your friend has done for you, you have done for your friend, or you have done together. Students talked about times they had let their friends down or times their

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friends had let them down, and how they had managed to stay friends in spite of their problems. In other words, we talked about some tense situations that found their way into their writing. Encourage descriptive writing by focusing on the sounds of words. Ray Skjelbred, middle school teacher at Marin Country Day School, wants his seventh grade students to listen to language. He wants to begin to train their ears by asking them to make lists of wonderful sounding words. They may use their own words, borrow from other contributors, add other words as necessary, and change word forms.

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*A lesson presentation that presents teaching and learning resources on formal letter writing. After completing this lesson, the students will be able to: • Differentiate between formal and informal letters.*

A study from data services provider SunGard found that approximately 90 percent of business communications are now via electronic text. A study from the American Management Association found that strong writing skills yield a 30 to 50 percent savings in writing time and up to a 50 percent savings in reading time. How much time did you spend last month writing emails, reports, proposals or marketing materials and how much time did people spend reading them? Your readers will appreciate it. On to the list: Embrace your inner tweet Ever have to describe yourself or your company in 50 words or less or some other arbitrary limit? But the beauty of word and character limits is that they force us to be more direct and reader-focused. Your 50 words likely convey as much as the plus words you would use without the limit. Pick one email a day and give yourself a word limit. Not sure what limit to set? Look back at an email on a similar topic. Count the words and halve the total. So why have most business professionals long abandoned the practice? For most, the answer is time. Ironically, time is exactly what is wasted when using a stream-of-consciousness approach to writing. If you list and prioritize your thoughts up front, you reduce the time normally spent writing and revising. See how the snowball starts? A little preparation goes a long way. When approaching your next document or email, begin by listing your key points. Rearrange these points in order from most to least important, and add a heading above each. Now rewrite your first key point as a sentence, list out the supporting details below it and arrange the details in order of importance. Often details can be left as a bulleted list. Do the same for your other key points. Start at the bottom and work your way up. Make sure by using an editing checklist. Use a simple checklist with 10 to 15 items, like this one from the University of Wisconsin Writing Center. Download a checklist, print it on small piece of paper, and tape it to the left edge of your monitor. For the next two weeks, use the list each time you finish writing a document or longish email. Just avoid the temptation to use it excessively. For many writers, the thesaurus is a crutch their go-to solution for replacing "common" words with more "descriptive" ones. Not all synonyms are the same, and most have subtle differences in meaning and connotation. Besides, good business writing is not about using big words or trying to sound smart. Thesaurus words often create slow, choppy writing overrun with extra syllables and unnecessary adjectives. Use your natural word choices. For the next month, let your thesaurus collect dust. Read aloud Speaking of reading aloud, you may feel weird doing it, but it works. Reading aloud lets your brain process information in a different way, giving more attention to flow, tone, cadence and transitions. The order of information is also amplified, allowing you to realize gaps in your explanation. Finally, reading aloud lets you identify small errors, such as grammatical mistakes and missing words. Works like a charm. The reason is simple: Therefore, it may ignore embarrassing typos or errors in grammar and tone. So detach yourself for a while. The next time you have to write an important report, proposal or marketing document, if possible, plan to finish the draft a day early. Once you finish, go through your usual review process, including reading aloud and using an editing checklist, then sleep on it. The next morning, repeat your review process. The fresh perspective will make a big difference. Use them, especially spelling, grammar and readability checkers. Readability tools, on the other hand, are hidden gems. They help you determine how difficult your content is to read by providing information like words per sentence, percentage of passive sentences, Flesch Reading Ease and Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level. Opinions vary, but for general business writing we aim for: Fewer than 20 Percentage of passive sentences: Less than 5 percent Flesch Reading Ease: Greater than 50 Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level: Between eight and 10 no mass-market publications are above 12 Exercise: This one is a three-part exercise. First, turn on the spelling, grammar and readability checkers in your word processing program. Make sure the following boxes are checked and click OK: Check spelling as you type Use contextual spelling Mark grammar errors as you type Check grammar

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A few tips from teachers like you to help integrate Raz-Plus into your classroom. Teacher Tip 1 Students can record themselves reading a book from their home computer. Have them record a favorite story with bells or dings to signal page turning the Next button and allow younger siblings to listen to the read-aloud while following along. If Raz-Plus is used during centers, have the student record their reading. Teacher Tip 4 Giving students access to the Reading Room will help build listening comprehension, increased awareness of differing text structures, and broader vocabulary as students listen to books at higher levels. Teacher Tip 5 Play Raz-Plus songs on an interactive whiteboard during class transitions, and challenge students to be cleaned up and in their seats or in line before the song is complete. Teacher Tip 6 Use the correlation chart to help determine which level of books to assign to a student based on their grade or known guided-reading level. Teacher Tip 7 Include a date in a custom assignment title as a reminder of when a student was first given a particular assignment or when resources were updated. Place worksheets for books at that level into each folder for independent student access. Teacher Tip 9 Students only need the teacher username and their own password to access Raz-Plus from home. Teacher Tip 11 Raz-Plus materials provide engaging at-home reading practice for students who are out of the classroom for long absences. Teacher Tip 12 Students can access Raz-Plus to hear modeled fluency and practice reading from any computer with Internet access--at home, at the library, on wifi-enabled tablets Teacher Tip 13 Did you know that all the books on Raz-Kids and thousands of other resources can be downloaded and printed from Raz-Plus? Use eBooks with the printed books to model fluency for small-group instruction. Teacher Tip 14 Did you know that our sister site, VocabularyA-Z supports the vocabulary from the online books with customized vocabulary lessons, word work activities, and assessments? Teacher Tip 15 Add fun to Raz-Plus assignments by creating treasure hunts for each level. Find two things you need to make salsa. Making Salsa Level C ; Find someone who gets lost at school. Stack them on top of the computer in the classroom. The student whose cup is on top is "up" at the computer. Students can set a timer for a teacher-designated time and then move their cup to the bottom of the stack so the next student can take their turn. Teacher Tip 19 Use Raz-Plus to model visualization. Play a Raz-Plus Listen eBook without allowing students to see the screen. Pause every few pages and have students sketch what "pops into their heads. Teacher Tip 20 Use a Raz-Plus informational book to introduce students to an upcoming topic being studied in math, science, or social studies. Teacher Tip 21 Challenge students to find and read a fiction book and a nonfiction book on a related topic as they browse in the Reading Room. Then bring the class together for a compare-and-contrast lesson. Teacher Tip 22 Create an assignment with only the listen option for all books at the next higher level for a student. This allows the student to preview more challenging texts before he or she begins working at that level in their guided-reading group. Occasionally, assign students the listen option and quiz for a given book to determine how strong their listening comprehension is at a given level. Teacher Tip 24 Place a set of high-frequency word cards with targeted words from a given level at your computer station. Encourage beginning readers to practice the word cards as a follow-up activity to their time on the computer. Teacher Tip 25 Be sure to tell students that they can use the Back button to listen to pages of a book again. They can also use the Pause and Play buttons to stop and start the narration. Teacher Tip 26 Did you know that there are many books on Raz-Plus that relate to specific topics you may be teaching? Look for books on animals, insects, ocean life, weather, seasons, transportation, energy, sports, and many more. Teacher Tip 27 Did you know that you can use the resources on Raz-Plus to support lessons on writing genres? Look for examples of expository, narrative, persuasive, and procedural writing. Teacher Tip 28 Did you know that sister sites Sciencea-z. Subscribe and explore the Learning A-Z Connections on both sites. Some tips to help you to get started with ReadyTest A-Z. You can also assign

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passwords to each student when you create your roster. Tip 3 Use the Reports to see at a glance how much of the current assignment a student has completed and whether each student is keeping pace. Provide additional opportunities for computer time if needed to ensure students complete one test each week. Remember students can access assignments at school, at home, or anywhere they have a computer with an Internet connection. Tip 6 Practice test-taking as a class by projecting a test and discussing each question along with its rationale. Tip 7 Another Learning A-Z website, Vocabulary A-Z , allows you to build customized vocabulary lessons and games that support academic vocabulary words common to standardized tests. Stack them on top of computer stations designated for Practice Tests. The student whose cup is on top is "up" at a computer. When a student completes a Practice Test he or she moves their cup to the bottom of the stack and the next student can take their turn. Tip 9 Place a set of academic vocabulary word cards with targeted test-taking words at your computer stations see Vocabulary A-Z for word lists. Encourage students to practice the word cards as a follow-up activity to their time on the computer. Tip 10 If you have a class web page, add a link to your Kids A-Z class login page. Tip 11 If a student takes two or more Practice Tests in a single sitting, make sure he or she always takes a short break to move, stretch, or get a drink in between each Practice Test. Tip 12 Encourage students to skip questions or tasks they might have trouble completing and go back to them at the end of the Practice Test. Tip 14 Model taking a Practice Test for your class. Perform a "walk through" of any Practice Test, demonstrating important skills and strategies such as using evidence from the text to find answers that students will use on high-stakes tests. Tip 15 View classroom and individual reports regularly to keep track of skills and standards that students are mastering and skills and standards that require additional instruction. Easy-To-Use Suggestions for Writing Instruction Writing A-Z offers a robust collection of resources to help improve the writing skills of every student, at every learning level. Below you will find a number of suggestions for writing instruction, as well as tips for utilizing Writing A-Z in the classroom. Differentiation Use the Skills Lessons to personalize writing instruction for each student to strengthen writing skills that you notice need practice in written compositions Use the ELL Guide found with the Process Writing Lessons to target instruction for English Language Learners who need more support with the connection between the written and spoken word. Because Process Writing Lessons are leveled, it is easy to have the whole class complete lessons and compositions on the same text type while still delivering developmentally appropriate resources for each level of writer. Each Process Writing Lesson provides a strong foundation for each type of writing as students are learning how to write. However, once students are fluently writing, encourage them to take risks with their writing and be creative with their writing for each text type. Classroom Tips Put Graphic Organizers on an interactive whiteboard during the prewrite section of a Process Writing Lesson and complete it as a class activity. Use a Research Packet to introduce students to an upcoming topic in science or social studies, and use the Research Packet to support writing about the topic. Make writing time special by setting a mood that helps students be comfortable and creative. You might play music, arrange different seating areas, and have a computer set up for students to take turns using the online writing tools. Use as many stacks as you have classroom computers, dividing the cups as evenly as possible among the stacks. Each student whose cup is on top of a stack is "up" at a computer. Students can set a timer for their turn and then move their cup to the bottom of the stack so the next student can take a turn. Print a set of seasonal writing prompts to place next to each classroom computer. Have students respond to a prompt using the Write Your Way online writing tool. Remind students to put a date on the top of their compositions to keep track of the progression in their writing. Be sure to read the Overview page at the beginning of each text type lesson. This page gives valuable information about how to pace the lesson, important points to address before teaching the lesson, and book connections that provide examples of the text type. Resource-Specific Tips Have students practice their friendly letter writing skills by writing to pen pals with students in another class or school. Did you know that Writing A-Z has video interviews with authors? Have students watch these videos to inspire and motivate their writing. Have students create their own author videos using the Interview Process Writing Lesson to create the questions to interview authors. Have students interview each other about writing

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that has been placed in the online Kids Writing Library. Arrange a video chat with the author or have the author visit the class, and have students create interview questions as a whole class before talking with the author. Cut the text writing prompts into strips. Staple each strip to a sheet of writing paper and pass one paper to each student. Have students write a second sentence to the "story," and then pass the paper to the next student. Have those students write the third sentence. Continue for a designated number of passes or until a specific time. Have students illustrate their stories and place them in class book bins or the school library for other students to check out and read. Use books in the Kids Writing Library to read aloud to the whole class each day. Have the student who wrote the book sit at the front of the class to respond to questions about the book as the featured author of the day. Have the entire school teach the informational report lesson and have students write a report on the same topic. Display the reports during Open House. Students and parents will see how writing progresses through the developmental levels. The online writing tools can be used to help students generate work products, such as a book or written presentation, as part of project-based learning. Create pairs or groups of students to collaborate on making a book in the Build-a-Book online writing tool to share with the class. Make assignments or have students write independently within the online tool. Sister Website Connections Did you know that you can use the leveled books on Reading A-Z to support the lessons on writing genres? Science A-Z is a dynamic website that helps teachers integrate science and literacy instruction to efficiently satisfy standards in both science and English language arts at the same time. Planning If finding time to teach science content is a challenge, remember that Science A-Z enables you to teach science concepts during reading time.

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### Chapter 8 : MultiBrief: 8 exercises for strengthening your business writing

*Writing skills are essential for today's business professionals. Don't believe me? Consider this: A study from data services provider SunGard found that approximately 90 percent of business.*