

## Writing Instructional Practices

- Four Square Writing
- Other Graphic Organizer
- Teacher modeling of writing strategy for planning or revising writing
- Teacher modeling of writing emphasizing mechanics, e.g., grammar, punctuation, usage
- Teacher assigned writing topic; student independent work (not using process writing)
- Process writing: prewriting or planning step
- Process writing: draft writing
- Process writing: revising or editing
- Process writing: conferencing with teacher about draft writing or revision
- Functional writing, e.g., thank you letter, formal letter to request information
- Student use of rubric to review own or peer's draft writing
- Group or class use of rubric to collaboratively review & refine a piece of draft writing
- Collaborative writing, e.g., with a partner, Language Experience Story
- Creative writing, e.g., imaginative story, descriptive paragraph
- Handwriting practice
- Free-writing activity: student choice of topic

## Web-based Resources for Teachers

**Literacy Lane** <http://classroom.jc-schools.net/read/>

**Teacher Tools Reading** <http://jc-schools.net/tutorials/tools/reading.html>

**Middle School Reading** <http://jc-schools.net/tutorials/tools/reading-ms.html>

**High School Literature** <http://jc-schools.net/tutorials/tools/lit-hs.html>

### Writing Process, Writing/Organization

**Write On** <http://jc-schools.net/write>

**Middle School Composition** <http://jc-schools.net/tutorials/tools/english-ms.html#Composition>

**High School Composition** <http://jc-schools.net/tutorials/tools/english-hs.html#Composition>

### 6-Trait Writing

This writing model is widely used to teach students good writing skills and let them examine literary works using the same model, including ideas, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, and conventions

<http://www.kent.k12.wa.us/staff/ljancola/6Trait/6-trait.html>

### Writing Process Chart

Poster explaining the components of the writing process including prewriting, drafting, revising, proofreading, and publishing.

[http://fulton.edzone.net/elem/write\\_process.html](http://fulton.edzone.net/elem/write_process.html)

### Graphic Organizers for Writing

Teacher Margaret Brent presents these graphic organizers specifically as pre-writing activities.

<http://www.smcps.k12.md.us/mbms/writing/graphorg.html>

#### Elements of Exposition

An outline of the elements of exposition to use as a starting point in introducing expository writing to students.

<http://www.wathena406.k12.ks.us/WHS/Staff/clarkson/LessonPlans/elemofexponotes.htm>

#### Traci's List of Ten Prewriting Exercises for Personal Narratives

Traci's suggestions offer a variety of ways to present personal narratives as students learn how to present their ideas.

<http://www.tengrrl.com/tens/006.shtml>

#### Using Picture Books to Teach Narrative and Six Trait Writing

Models of good narrative writing are analyzed in this annotated bibliography of children's literature including a look at focus, organization, support and elaboration, style/ voice and conventions.

<http://www.geocities.com/oberry1790/narrativebibliography.htm>