
The Writing Class

— What will you learn? —

Purpose

Show you how to write well.

What is *good writing*?

Part of the answer comes from the Six + 1
Writing Traits



Six + 1 Writing Traits

1 Idea

The content. The message. The story. The argument.

It's interesting. There are details.

Good stories and arguments begin with simple ideas ... like a chair.



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2 Organisation

The structure. Good paragraphs.

The writing has order. There is a start, middle and end.

The story moves. There is flow. It is connected.



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3 Voice

Your ideas are in the writing.

Not just copying sentence patterns.

Your opinions.

Your unique style.



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4 Word choice

Good words. Not boring words.

Paint a picture with words.



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5 Sentence Fluency

Use a variety of sentences. Long. Short.
Different structures.

Good sentences are like musical notes.

They have a beat and rhythm.

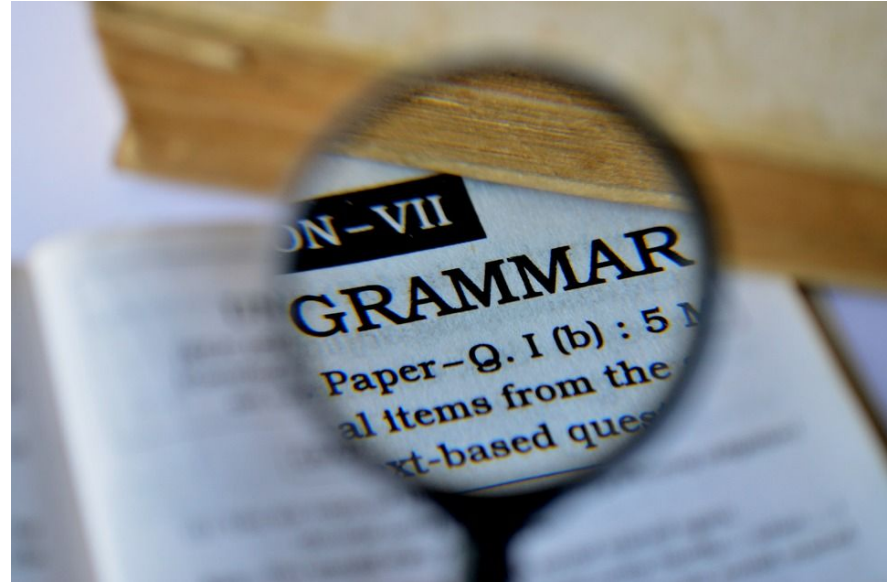


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6 Conventions

Spelling, grammar, punctuation, capitalization.

Important,, but good writing is more than proper grammar.



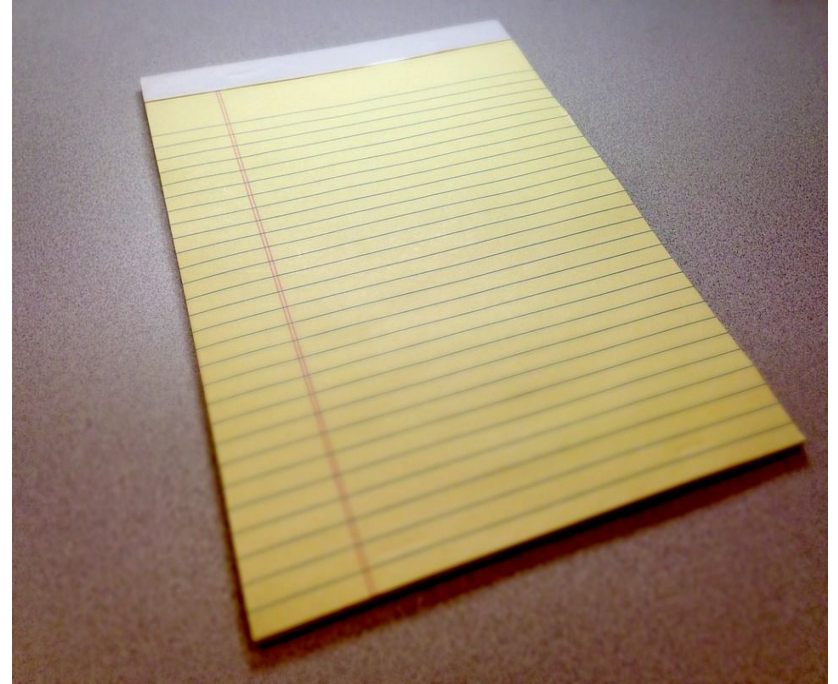
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6+1 Presentation

The way your writing looks on paper.

Must look good. Lots of white space. Easy to read.

Neat.



The Writing Traits



Ideas...

the content, theme, and message



Organization...

the structure of your writing



Voice...

the personal tone that brings your writing to life



Word Choice...

the vocabulary used to convey meaning



Sentence Fluency...

the rhythm and flow of your writing



Conventions...

the correct spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and grammar



Presentation...

the overall look of your writing

A Thought

Finger pointing to the moon.

The teacher shows students the way.

Don't look at the finger.

Look beyond that, or you will miss something big and beautiful.



Next

Writing: Alphabet Soup

- Build a word list with a partner.
- Hurry time is short.
- Finish the list by talking to other students.
- Compose a story with all of those words.

What's a story?

- There's at least one character.
- The character wants something.
- There is a plot and a setting.
- There is an ending.

