

Writing Curriculum Grades K-5

Grade 5

Type of Writing	Activity (Writing Assignment)	Minilessons taught	Skills	Standard(s)
<u>Narrative</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create real or imagined narrative pieces 	Including (but not limited to): Choosing a topic, write with an audience in mind, present ideas clearly with transitions and logical flow, elaborate on ideas, use rich language, use correct conventions, summarize,	Write narrative pieces that contain detailed descriptions of people, places and things, as well as literary elements and devices (e.g. multi-paragraph stories, poems, plays).	W.5.3 W.5.4 W.5.5 L.5.1 through L.5.6 SL.5.1 through SL.5.6

<u>Informational</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create student-made art/gym games • Create endangered animal power points or other content area power points • Write a “how-to” piece (How to make a peanut butter sandwich or rules for playing a game, etc.) • Write a “descriptive” piece (Describe/write descriptive information about a particular person – biography book report) 	Including (but not limited to): Choosing a topic, write with an audience in mind, present ideas clearly with transitions and logical flow, elaborate on ideas, use rich language, use correct conventions, summarize, use resources	Write informational pieces that have a well developed main idea, precise language and specific detail, and relevant graphics/illustrations where appropriate (e.g. essays, letters, reports, instructions).	W.5.2 W.5.4 W.5.5 W.5.10 L.5.1 through L.5.6 SL.5.1 through SL.5.6
<u>Argumentative</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write argumentative pieces (Take a stance on:) • School uniforms • New playground • Why I deserve “X” for Christmas • Seat belts on school buses 	Including (but not limited to): Choosing a topic, write with an audience in mind, present ideas clearly	Write persuasive pieces that contain a clearly stated position or opinion and includes supporting details with sources cited where appropriate.	W.5.1 W.5.4 W.5.5 W.5.7 W.5.10 L.5.1 through L.5.6 SL.5.1 through SL.5.6

		with transitions and logical flow, elaborate on ideas, use rich language, use correct conventions, summarize, back up statements with examples.		
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Writing Standards

RW.5.1

Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.

- a. Introduce a topic or text clearly, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure in which ideas are logically grouped to support the writer's purpose.
- b. Provide logically ordered reasons that are supported by facts and details.
- c. Link opinion and reasons using words, phrases, and clauses (e.g., consequently, specifically).

RW.5.2

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.

- a. Introduce a topic clearly, provide a general observation and focus, and group related information logically; include formatting (e.g., headings), illustrations, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
- b. Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.
- c. Link ideas within and across categories of information using words, phrases, and clauses (e.g., in contrast, especially).
- d. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
- e. Provide a concluding statement or section related to the information or explanation presented.

- RW.5.3** Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.
- a. Orient the reader by establishing a situation and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally.
 - b. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, description, and pacing, to develop experiences and events or show the responses of characters to situations.
 - c. Use a variety of transitional words, phrases, and clauses to manage the sequence of events.
 - d. Use concrete words and phrases and sensory details to convey experiences and events precisely.
 - e. Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.
- RW.5.4** Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
- RW.5.5** With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 5 on pages 28 and 29.)
- RW.5.6** With some guidance and support from adults, use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of two pages in a single sitting.
- RW.5.7** Conduct short research projects that use several sources to build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic.
- RW.5.8** Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; summarize or paraphrase information in notes and finished work, and provide a list of sources.
- RW.5.9** Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
- a. Apply grade 5 Reading standards to literature (e.g., “Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or a drama, drawing on specific details in the text [e.g., how characters interact]”).
 - b. Apply grade 5 Reading standards to informational texts (e.g., “Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text, identifying which reasons and evidence support which point[s]”).
- RW.5.10** Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

Language Standards

- L.5.1** Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
- a. Explain the function of conjunctions, prepositions, and interjections in general and their function in particular sentences.
 - b. Form and use the perfect (e.g., *I had walked; I have walked; I will have walked*) verb tenses
 - c. Use verb tense to convey various times, sequences, states, and conditions
 - d. Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb tense.
 - e. Use correlative conjunctions (e.g., *either/or, neither/nor*).
- L.5.2** Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
- a. Use punctuation to separate items in a series.*
 - b. Use a comma to separate an introductory element from the rest of the sentence.
 - c. Use a comma to set off the words *yes* and *no* (e.g., *Yes, thank you*), to set off a tag question from the rest of the sentence (e.g., *It's true, isn't it?*), and to indicate direct address (e.g., *Is that you, Steve?*).
 - d. Use underlining, quotation marks, or italics to indicate titles of works.
 - e. Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.
- L.5.3** Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
- a. Expand, combine, and reduce sentences for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.
 - b. Compare and contrast the varieties of English (e.g., *dialects, registers*) used in stories, dramas, or poems.
- L.5.4** Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 5 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
- a. Use context (e.g., cause/effect relationships and comparisons in text) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

- b. Use common, grade-appropriate Greek and Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., *photograph*, *photosynthesis*).
- c. Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation and determine or clarify the precise meaning of key words and phrases.

L.5.5 Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

- Interpret figurative language, including similes and metaphors, in context.
- Recognize and explain the meaning of common idioms, adages, and proverbs.
- Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., synonyms, antonyms, homographs) to better understand each of the words.

L.5.6 Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal contrast, addition, and other logical relationships (e.g., *however*, *although*, *nevertheless*, *similarly*, *moreover*, *in addition*).

Speaking and Listening Standards

- SL.5.1** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on *grade 5 topics and texts*, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- a. Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.
 - b. Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions and carry out assigned roles.
 - c. Pose and respond to specific questions by making comments that contribute to the discussion and elaborate on the remarks of others.
 - d. Review the key ideas expressed and draw conclusions in light of information and knowledge gained from the discussions.
- SL.5.2** Summarize a written text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
- SL.5.3** Summarize the points a speaker makes and explain how each claim is supported by reasons and evidence.

- SL.5.4** Report on a topic or text or present an opinion, sequencing ideas logically and using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; speak clearly at an understandable pace.
- SL.5.5** Include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, sound) and visual displays in presentations when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes
- SL.5.6** Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, using formal English when appropriate to task and situation. (See grade 5 Language standards 1 and 3 here for specific expectations.)