



Strategies for Getting Kids to Write

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10 Things Every Writer Needs to Know

~Jeff Anderson



Power Writing

- Teacher displays two words
- Students select one
- Teacher says, “Write as much as you can, as fast as you can, as well as you can in one minute. Go!”
- Students write for one minute
- Teacher calls time: “Stop writing. Lift your pencil up in the air. Draw a line underneath what you just wrote. Count the number of words you wrote.”
- Students record word count under the line.
- Teacher records the result for each round on the chart.
- Repeat for a total of three rounds.
- For each round display two new words.

Generating Momentum by Talking

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- Make a list of hot topics on the board (music, skateboarding, makeup, sports etc.)
- Invite students to freewrite for five minutes
- After five minutes students turn to a partner and read what they have written
- They have seven minutes to read their writing aloud to one another and discuss their writing
- Next students write for 10 more minutes

Purpose - Audience Lottery

- Each student will receive their own audience and purpose slip
- Label one container audience and the other purpose. Put slips in respective containers
- Let students pull one strip from each jar when they enter class. Direct them not to share the with anyone.
- Students write for about five minutes, using the purpose and audience on the sheets of paper they chose.
- Students share their writing randomly, and others guess the purpose and the audience.
- The class discusses how they determine audience and purpose, as well as the adjustments we make every day to fit our message and audience.

Word Sorts

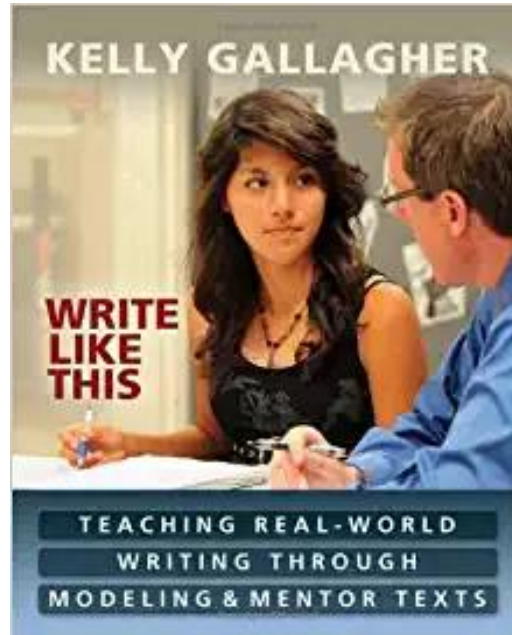
Benefits of word sorting (Pearson Education 2010)

- it's interactive
- it promotes higher level thinking skills
- it provides oral language development opportunities that build on students' prior knowledge

Sorting Showing Verbs (Anderson)

- Open vs Closed
- Connotation vs Denotation
- Choice communicates (Every word has power)

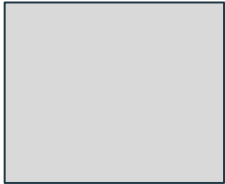
Write Like This ~Kelly Gallagher



Real World Writing Purposes

One Topic = 18 Topics

One topic:



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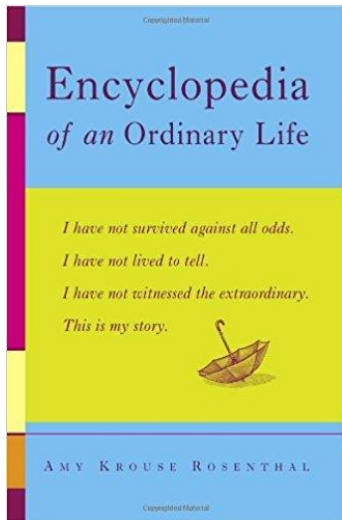
Purpose	Possible Writing Topics
Express and Reflect	
Inform and Explain	
Evaluate and Judge	
Inquire and Explore	
Analyze and interpret	
Take a Stand/Propose a Solution	

The Phillies

Purpose	Possible Writing Topics
Express and Reflect	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How I came to love the Phillies• Listening to the games on the radio with my dad• What I've learned about being a loyal fan
Inform and Explain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• History of the Phillies• Rules of the game• History of Jimmy Rollins
Evaluate and Judge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worst moments in the playoffs• Best game of the World Series 2008• Best Phillie ever
Inquire and Explore	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What makes Aaron Nola so good?• Why did they let go of Chase Utley?• Why did they finish last in the NL East last year?
Analyze and interpret	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What makes Gabe Kapler a good manager?• What are the advantages/disadvantages of having such a young team?
Take a Stand/Propose a Solution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Phillies will finish the 2018 season with a winning record.• Starting pitchers should go at least six full innings.• It was good to get a younger manager for the team.

Encyclopedia of An Ordinary Life

Based on Amy Krouse Rosenthal's *Encyclopedia of an Ordinary Life*. Her life in the form of an "alphabetized existence."



The Encyclopedia of My Ordinary Life

Mrs. DiCarne

Birds

I am afraid of birds. Can you believe it?!? How can anyone be afraid of creatures that are smaller than themselves? I don't know if I was traumatized by a bird as a child, but those beady eyes, pointy beaks, and flapping wings make me nervous.

Grandmother

Mom-mom, Grandmom, Grammy, Babci, Bubby, Nona, or Oma. It doesn't matter what you are called, being a grandmother is the best thing in the whole world. There is nothing better than seeing those little faces light up when you enter a room. My heart grows every time I see Parker, Emma, Izzy, and Nolan.

Reading

When I was a kid my nickname was "Rita book" – like "Read-a-book" – get it? That's because on any summer day you could find me on my front steps reading. I read before breakfast, after lunch, and before bed. I even met Mr. DiCarne because of my book reading habit.

Congrats Newly Minted...

**How to Raise Mom & Dad
Instructions from Someone**

Who Figured it Out

By Josh Lerman

Student topics

babysitter
middle schooler
employee
brother/sister

Student Council member

I'd Like to Know More About...

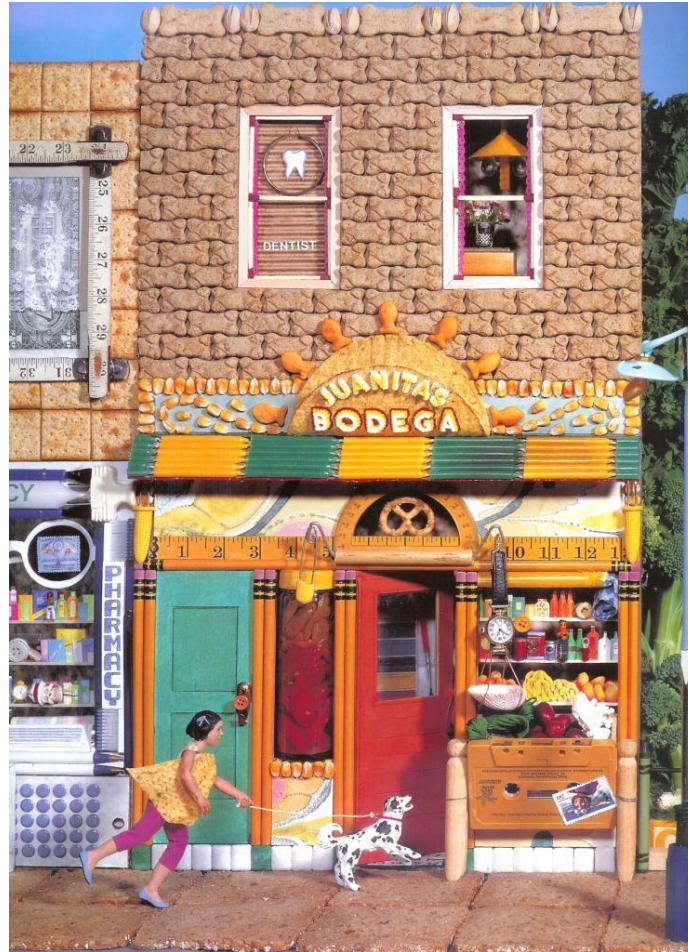
One thing I would like to know
more about...

What I think I
might find:
(exploring)

What I found:
(inquiring)

Source Citation:

Look-
Alikes
- Joan
Steiner



Would You Rather

Four Square Argument Chart

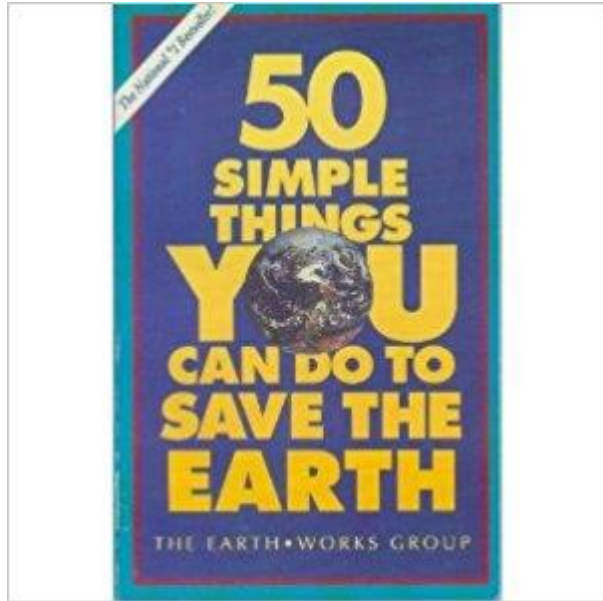
What are the main points of your argument?	What are the main arguments of your parents/friends?
What are the counterarguments you will hear from your parents/friends?	What are the counterarguments you would present to your family/friends?

In a sentence or two, explain an argument you have had with a parent.

My side of the argument	My parents' side
My parents' response would be...	My response would be...

Proposing a Solution

Five Things You Could Do To...

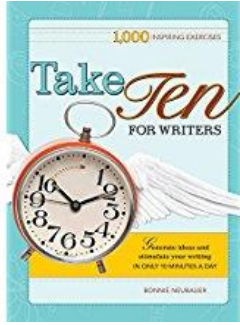


Five Things You Could Do to Simplify Your Life

Five Things You Could Do to Get Healthy and Stay Healthy

Five Things You Could Do to Promote World Peace

Five Things You Could Do to Ensure Cyber Safety



Take Ten For Writers ~Bonnie Neubauer

How it works...

First page:

Part 1. The set-up

Part 2: Pick a number, write it down, then flip the page

Second page:

Part 3: Find the variable that corresponds to your number

Part 4: Timed -writing instructions

Part 5: TAKE TEN Take away

1. The proposed smoking ban inside all homes
2. Tearing down the old high school (built circa 1878, and which you attended) to build a new one.
3. Why writing is an art
4. Half-time home-schooling, half-time at schooling
5. Jealousy
6. The lost art of being a gentleman
7. The proposed tent community in the town green for homeless people
8. Graffiti
9. Dog racing
10. Table manners

Favorite Mentor Texts

The Important Book - Margaret Wise Brown

Another Important Book - Margaret Wise Brown

Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge - Mem Fox (memories)

Sierra - Diane Siebert (Writing through a mask)

Mojave - Diane Siebert (Writing through a mask)

Fortunately - Remy Charlip (story structure)

Dear Mr. Blueberry - Simon James (persuasion)

Earrings - Judith Viorst (persuasion)

Aunt Isabel Tells a Good One - Kate Duke (story structure)