

Sentence fragments or questions may be turned into complete thoughts only if the goal is to communicate.

Students use mentor texts to study the effective moves made by accomplished writers.

Writers create pictures or visuals to help develop a concept in this discipline.

Writing in this discipline relies on technical, precise vocabulary.

Correctness matters more in this discipline, but should never be more important than effective content.

Writers in this discipline explore a wide variety of genres.

Writers base creative writing on historical events.

Students write to explain their answers.

Writing in this discipline relies on technical, precise vocabulary.

Accuracy and exactness are favored over elaboration and craft.

Writers explain their reasoning in a notebook and then trade notebooks with another writer so that they can learn from and evaluate each other's reasoning,

Passive voice is favored, such as "The result was determined to be" in place of active voice used in ELA classes: "I determined."

Writers might produce biographical reports.

Writers conduct research on topics to expand and communicate new learning.

Writers sometimes create story problems complete with characters and main ideas.

Writers create graphic organizers or essays that show comparison/contrast; cause/effect; major event/contributing factors; sequence of events.

Events from multiple sources are synthesized and summarized.

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Writers write for social justice causes.

Writers produce argumentative essays defending a position based on evidence.

Verbs like *demonstrate* are often changed into nouns like *demonstration*.

The writer wanders when describing natural phenomena or exploring problems with no definition solution.

Communication of ideas is clear and often systematic.

Correctness is paramount, but “over claiming” is suspect.

Observations are often written in bullet points, lists or phrases.

This discipline writes in response journals about current events, topics of study, or primary-based documents.

Writers in this discipline usually use a workshop model to produce texts.

Events and writing from certain time periods are investigated.

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