

# FOCUS on 5 Writing Menu

<h2>Focus</h2> <p>I can focus on my purpose, topic, audience, and mode.</p>	<h2>Organization</h2> <p>I can organize my writing with a clear beginning, middle, and end.</p>	<h2>Content</h2> <p>I can elaborate on my ideas with meaningful details that support and enhance my writing.</p>	<h2>Using conventions</h2> <p>I can use appropriate punctuation, capitalization, spelling, and grammar.</p>	<h2>Style</h2> <p>I can bring my personality and voice to life in my writing.</p>
<p>Use a variety of planning strategies (brainstorming, talking about ideas, questioning, graphic organizers, etc.).</p> <p>Draft using a planning graphic organizer that fits with your purpose, mode, and text structure.</p> <p>Clearly and accurately respond to the prompt you are given.</p> <p>Generate a topic with a purpose, mode, audience, and text structure in mind.</p> <p>Generate a title that matches the topic.</p> <p>Remain on-topic throughout the beginning, middle, and end of a piece, maintaining the proper mode.</p> <p>Write in a variety of modes and distinguish between them: Opinion, Informational, Narrative, and Poetry.</p> <p>Maintain a consistent point of view.</p>	<p>Select an appropriate planning graphic organizer that fits with your purpose, mode, and text structure.</p> <p>Include a clear and logical beginning, middle, and end for each paragraph and the piece as a whole.</p> <p>Create an opening that leads into the body and topic of the writing.</p> <p>Include a conclusion that wraps up the loose ends.</p> <p>Use transition, temporal, and linking words and phrases.</p> <p>Maintain the proper text structure from beginning to end.</p>	<p>Use the 5 senses to enhance descriptions.</p> <p>Include text features such as illustrations, captions, diagrams, etc. when appropriate.</p> <p>Include 4-6 sentences in a typical paragraph.</p> <p>Reread to check how the writing sounds. Revise the message by adding, removing, moving, or substituting ideas in the text.</p> <p>Use resources when revising your writing (thesaurus, word wall, checklist, etc.)</p> <p>Rewrite or try a new approach as needed.</p> <p>Include support for persuasive arguments including valid reasoning and evidence. (O)</p> <p>Use accurate facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples, or explanations to examine and convey ideas and information. (I/O)</p> <p>Build knowledge about a topic through research and focused questions. (I/O)</p> <p>Include literary elements (characters, setting, plot). (N)</p> <p>Establish a situation and introduce a narrator and/or characters. (N)</p> <p>Develop real or imagined experiences or events using well-chosen details and well-structured event sequences. (N)</p> <p>Use purposeful dialogue. (N)</p> <p>Describe characters' actions, thoughts, and feelings to show how they respond to situations. (N)</p>	<p>Capitalize the beginnings of sentences, proper nouns, titles, and dates.</p> <p>Use punctuation at the ends of sentences.</p> <p>Circle words that may not be spelled correctly.</p> <p>Spell high frequency words and word work patterns correctly.</p> <p>Write in complete sentences.</p> <p>Use appropriate grammar (not texting or slang language).</p> <p>Proofread your writing to make sure the spelling, punctuation, and capitalization look correct.</p> <p>Use resources when editing your writing (dictionary, word wall, rubric, checklist, etc.).</p> <p>Conference with a peer to get feedback.</p> <p>Use correct subject-verb agreement.</p> <p>Use commas in a series.</p> <p>Indent to create a new paragraph for each new mini-topic.</p> <p>Correctly format text features.</p> <p>Use apostrophes correctly for contractions and possessive nouns.</p> <p>Maintain a consistent verb tense.</p> <p>Use quotation marks correctly.</p>	<p>Provide original thoughts and ideas.</p> <p>Ensure that No Two Sentences Start With The Same Word (NTSSWTSW).</p> <p>Create an exciting opening that grabs the audience's attention.</p> <p>Carefully choose interesting, descriptive, and precise words (use a thesaurus, word collector, word wall, rhyming dictionary, etc.).</p> <p>Use a variety of strong nouns, adjectives, and adverbs.</p> <p>"Show, Don't Tell."</p> <p>Experiment with the rhythms and rhymes of words and phrases.</p> <p>Use a variety of sentence lengths, structures (complex/compound), and types (statements, commands, questions, exclamations).</p> <p>Take risks with new ways of saying things.</p> <p>Use figurative language (similes, metaphors, personification, alliteration, onomatopoeia, etc.).</p>

Get started right away

Stay in one spot

Work quietly

Work the whole time

Increase stamina