WriteShop Junior Book D – Scope and Sequence

Recommended Grade Levels: 3 or 4

Lesson 1: Letter of Invitation

Lesson Focus: Writing a Letter with Correct Punctuation

Objectives | Students will:

- Learn to write a letter of invitation.
- Review and practice writing punctuation marks.
- Be introduced to journal writing.

Lesson 2: Humor

Lesson Focus: Narrowing a Topic

Objectives | Students will:

- Learn the difference between fiction and nonfiction.
- Learn to write with humor.
- Learn to narrow a broad topic to a specific topic.
- Learn the correct proofreading marks and how to use them.

Lesson 3: Adventure

Lesson Focus: Adding Details to a Story Setting

Objectives | Students will:

- Learn to write an adventure story.
- Learn to write details about the setting where a story takes place.
- Review or learn to identify different types of nouns.

Lesson 4: Science Fiction

Lesson Focus: Adding Details to the Middle of a Story

Objectives | Students will:

- Learn to write a science fiction story.
- Learn about plot.
- Develop the middle of a story with details that make it more interesting.
- Review or learn to identify different types of pronouns.

Lesson 5: Mystery

Lesson Focus: Choosing Strong Verbs

Objectives | Students will:

- Learn to write a mystery.
- Identify vocabulary that is unique to writing a mystery..
- Review or learn to identify verbs.
- Practice choosing strong verbs instead of weak verbs.

Lesson 6: Haiku

Lesson Focus: Choosing Strong Adjectives

- Learn to write a haiku.
- Review or learn to identify syllables.
- Review or learn to identify adjectives.
- Practice choosing strong words instead of weak words.

Lesson 7: Folk Tales

Lesson Focus: Developing Voice through Emotions

Objectives | Students will:

- Learn to write a folktale in their own words.
- Practice developing voice when writing by showing emotion.
- Review or learn to identify adverbs.

Lesson 8: Historical Fiction

Lesson Focus: Developing a Strong Voice

Objectives | Students will:

- Discuss the difference between fiction and nonfiction.
- Learn to write historical fiction.
- Practice developing a strong voice when writing.
- Review or learn to identify prepositions.

Lesson 9: Personal Narrative

Lesson Focus: Using Emotion and Sensory Detail

Objectives | Students will:

- Learn to write a personal narrative.
- Learn to incorporate emotion and sensory detail into a story about a personal experience.
- Practice varying sentence length when writing.
- Improve their self-editing skills.
- Review or learn the rules about capitalization.

Lesson 10: Expository Writing

Lesson Focus: Learning to Use References

- Learn about expository writing.
- Review or learn about using references such as a dictionary, thesaurus, encyclopedia, and the Internet for research.
- Practice organizing ideas before writing.

WriteShop Junior Book E – Scope and Sequence

Recommended Grade Levels: 4 or 5

Lesson 1: Fables

Lesson Focus: Unique Characters and Unique Voice

Objectives | Students will:

- Learn to write a fable.
- Practice developing voice by giving characters strong character traits.
- Review or learn about the parts of a sentence.

Lesson 2: Writing with Humor

Lesson Focus: Humor and Dialogue

Objectives | Students will:

- Rewrite a familiar story by adding touches of humor.
- Review or learn to write dialogue.
- Make writing stronger by avoiding commonly used words.
- Identify the four kinds of sentences.

Lesson 3: Adventure Story

Lesson Focus: Scene and Setting

Objectives | Students will:

- Learn to write an adventure story.
- Review or learn that an adventure story has a main character who solves a problem as part of the adventure.
- Identify how the setting in an adventure is often in a far-away and exciting place.
- Vary sentence length to create slow-moving or high-action scenes.
- Review or learn about compound sentences and conjunctions.

Lesson 4: Science Fiction

Lesson Focus: Blending Fiction with Scientific Fact

Objectives | Students will:

- Learn to blend fiction with scientific fact to write a science fiction story.
- Brainstorm lists of theme-related words to add to the story.
- Review parts of speech.

Lesson 5: Mystery

Lesson Focus: Using Elements of a Mystery to Write a Story

- Learn or review how to write a mystery.
- Practice tying a story's ending to its beginning.
- Review the rules for writing dialogue.
- Review punctuation.

Lesson 6: Concrete Poetry

Lesson Focus: Creating a Shape Poem

Objectives | Students will:

- Write a concrete poem in which words, phrases, and sentences form the shape or outline of an object.
- Brainstorm and organize ideas from A to Z.
- Learn about homonyms, homophones, and homographs.

Lesson 7: Personal Narrative

Lesson Focus: Story about a Personal Experience

Objectives | Students will:

- Write a personal narrative.
- Learn to write a story using five paragraphs.
- Learn the difference between narrative and expository writing.
- Practice adding emotion to a story to give it a strong voice.

Lesson 8: Descriptive Narrative

Lesson Focus: Personal Story Describing Three Items or Events

Objectives | Students will:

- Write a descriptive narrative using five paragraphs.
- Write descriptions of items, activities, or events.
- Learn to use transition sentences.
- Practice identifying and using suffixes and prefixes.

Lesson 9: Book Report

Lesson Focus: Responding to Literature

Objectives | Students will:

- Write a book report using five paragraphs.
- Respond to literature by identifying what the author is trying to say, giving an opinion about the story, and relating a personal example.
- Review parts of speech.

Lesson 10: Nonfiction Report

Lesson Focus: Collecting Facts

- Write a nonfiction report using five paragraphs.
- Gather research and facts about a topic.
- Design a visual aid to enhance the report.
- Review synonyms and antonyms.

WriteShop Junior Book F – Scope and Sequence

Recommended Grade Levels: 5 or 6

Lesson 1: Adventure

Lesson Focus: Using Concrete Writing to Add Realistic Story Details

Objectives | Students will:

- Learn or review how to write an adventure story.
- Add realistic details to the story.
- Learn about concrete writing.
- Review and practice grammar and parts of speech.

Lesson 2: Tall Tale

Lesson Focus: Using Figures of Speech to Create Unique Characters

Objectives | Students will:

- Learn to write a tall tale.
- Use figures of speech to develop characters.
- Add meaning to the story by varying sentence length.
- Practice writing dialogue.

Lesson 3: Mystery

Lesson Focus: Using Descriptive Words to Add Interest to a Mystery

Objectives | Students will:

- Review or learn how to write a mystery.
- Add colorful descriptions and sensory details to a story.
- Learn more about keeping a writing journal.

Lesson 4: Historical Fiction

Lesson Focus: Narrowing the Topic when Writing Historical Fiction

Objectives | Students will:

- Review or learn how to write historical fiction.
- Narrow a broad topic to produce stronger writing.
- Learn about choosing and using point of view.

Lesson 5: Limericks

Lesson Focus: Using Rhyme and Meter

- Learn about different types of poems, focusing on limericks.
- Study meter (rhythm) in poetry.
- Learn various rhyme patterns in poetry.
- Add emotion words to develop strong voice.

Lesson 6: Persuasive Letter

Lesson Focus: Using a Strong Voice to Convince Readers

Objectives | Students will:

- Review or learn the main parts of a letter.
- Learn to write a persuasive letter by sharing examples of how the reader will benefit.
- Develop a stronger voice by visualizing who the reading audience is.
- Add emotion words to create a stronger voice.

Lesson 7: Personal Narrative

Lesson Focus: Adding Sensory Details to a Story

Objectives | Students will:

- Review or learn how to write a personal narrative.
- Learn to write using five or more paragraphs.
- Practice adding sensory details to a story.
- Use a variety of sentence starters.

Lesson 8: Summary

Lesson Focus: Summarizing the Main Idea and Supporting Details of a Story

Objectives | Students will:

- Write a summary of a story using five or more paragraphs.
- Review how to use transition words.
- Learn rules for correctly using apostrophes.

Lesson 9: Responding to Literature

Lesson Focus: Investigating Literature and Responding with Opinions

Objectives | Students will:

- Review or learn how to write a book report using five or more paragraphs.
- Learn to identify the author's main message.
- Respond to a book with their own opinion.
- Connect a story to their own life.

Lesson 10: Nonfiction Report

Lesson Focus: Expanding a Nonfiction Report with Added Details

- Review or learn how to write a nonfiction report using five or more paragraphs.
- Learn how to research a topic.
- Learn to expand nonfiction writing with added details and visual aids.
- Improve their understanding of comma use.