



# Spark a Mind & Change a Life

## Kansas College and Career Ready ELA Writing Standards for Seventh Grade

### Text Types and Purposes

- W.7.1 Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence
  - a. Introduce claim(s), acknowledge alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically
  - b. Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text
  - c. Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), reasons, and evidence
  - d. Establish and maintain a formal style
  - e. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented
- W.7.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content
  - a. Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension
  - b. Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples
  - c. Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts
  - d. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic
  - e. Establish and maintain a formal style
  - f. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented
- W.7.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences
  - a. Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and point of view and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically
  - b. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, and description, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters
  - c. Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another
  - d. Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events
  - e. Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events

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## Production and Distribution of Writing

- W.7.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience
- W.7.5 With some guidance and support from adults and peers, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed
- W.7.6 Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and link to and cite sources as well as to interact and collaborate with others, including linking to and citing sources

## Research to Build and Present Knowledge

- W.7.7 Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and generating additional related focused questions for further research and investigation
- W.7.8 Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation
- W.7.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research

## Language in Writing

- W.7.10 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing
  - a. Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy
  - b. Explain the function of phrases and clauses in general and their function in specific sentences
  - c. Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas
  - d. Place phrases and clauses within a sentence, recognizing and correcting misplaced and dangling modifiers
- W.7.11 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing
  - a. Use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives
  - b. Spell correctly

## Range of Writing

- W.7.10 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