

WriteShop Jr. F Syllabus

Lesson Number	Lesson Title	Lesson Objectives and Skill Focus	Number of Weeks
1	Introduction to Class and Writing an Adventure Story with Descriptive Details and Concrete Word Choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review parts of speech and sentences in Grammar Folder #1. Explain the “<i>Writing Process</i>” Review elements of a story. Learn elements of an “<i>Adventure Story</i>” Practice developing descriptive sentences with strong verbs, amazing adjectives, and creative adverbs. 	3
2	Writing a Tall Tale using Figurative Language and Developing Unique Characters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn six different types of figurative language in Grammar Folder #2 Writing sentences of various lengths. Review or learn how to write dialogue with interesting dialogue tags. Practice avoiding commonly-used words to help her writing be stronger. 	3
3	Writing a Mystery Using Dialogue to Create Suspense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying various journal topics and developing a “character’s journal” in Grammar Folder #3 Learn to vary sentence length to create a slow-moving scene or high-action scene. Review or learn about compound sentences and conjunctions. 	3
4	Writing Historical Fiction Narrowing Topics to One Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring various points of view in Grammar Folder #4. Learn how to incorporate historical facts in a fiction story using 5 W’s. Brainstorm lists of theme-related words to add to the story. Review or learn about compound words. 	2
5	Writing Poetry - Creating a Book of Poems (including Concrete Poems, Limericks, using Figurative Language in Poems)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poetic techniques and devices in Grammar Folder #5 Practice tying a story’s ending to its beginning. Learn the rules for writing dialogue. Review punctuation. Student Poetry Presentation 	3
6	Writing a Persuasive Letter Using Strong Voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using contractions in Grammar Folder #6 Learn to write concrete poetry. Learn that words, phrases, and sentences form the shape or outline of an object in a concrete poem. Using rhyme and sensory details Brainstorm and organize ideas from A to Z. Learn about homonyms, homophones, and homographs. 	2

7	Writing a Personal Narrative (introduction to sentence variations)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements needed in multi-paragraph assignments in Grammar Folder #7 • Learn how to write a personal narrative. • Write a story using five paragraphs. • Practice adding emotion to a story to give it a strong voice. 	3
8	Writing a Summary of Short Story (using supportive details to support main ideas in the short story)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using apostrophes in Grammar Folder #8 • Learn how to write a summary. • Write a summary using five paragraphs. • Write descriptions of items, activities, or events. • Learn to write transition sentences. • Practice identifying and using suffixes and prefixes. 	3
9	Responding to Literature (investigating the authors main message and crafting a specific response)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying elements in literature for response in Grammar Folder #9 • Learn how to write a book report using five paragraphs. • Respond to a story in literature by identifying what the author is trying to say, giving an opinion about the story, and telling a personal example that relates to the story. • Review compound words. 	3
10	Researching, Writing, and Presenting (to family & friends) a Non-fiction Report on a National or World Treasure or Monument	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using commas in Grammar Folder #10 • Learn how to write a nonfiction report using five paragraphs. • Gather research and facts about a topic. • Design a visual aid to enhance the Writing Project. • Review synonyms and antonyms. • Student Report & Presentation 	4
<i>Last Day of Class Celebration</i>			

Tentative Lesson Schedule:

Week 1

- Fold-N-Go Grammar Guide (homework)
- Pre-writing Activity, Model & Teach / Games

Skill Builder Worksheet Pack: WS Jr will have Skill Builder Worksheet Packs. Each Pack will contain:

- Reading logs
- Journal prompt pages
- Skill Builder to teach a new writing or grammar concept
- Brainstorming worksheet to plan story details
- Evaluation Charts

Publishing the Project: Students will publish their *Writing Project* as a craft of some sort.

Week 2

- Review, skill activity or games
- Journal (in class or homework)
- Brainstorming (in class, if time)
- Writing Project (homework or for next class)
- Editing and revising (homework)

Fold-n-Go Grammar Guides: Each *Portable Grammar Guide (FG)* includes six (6) grammar pages and two (2) book marks to review lesson rules.

Week 3

- Publishing the Project
- Want to Do More? Extra Activities

Materials for Class:

WriteShop Jr. F Worktext & Grammar Pages; Class Handouts; Grade Appropriate Thesaurus & Dictiona