



Keys to Content Writing

Keys to Content Writing teaches students skills that support content writing in any subject area. Teachers learn instructional practices that address writing requirements of the Common Core, including frequent long and short writing tasks in all subject areas. When used across multiple grade levels, students benefit from a consistent approach to writing instruction as they move from grade to grade and subject to subject.

Instructional practices in *Keys to Content Writing* address these topics, strategies and skills:

- Importance of task, audience, purpose
- Stages of the writing process
- Peer collaboration
- Quick writes
- Basic text structures: introductions, conclusions, transitions
- The three types of writing: argument, informational, narrative
- Writing from sources
- Writing models and mentor text
- Writing scaffolds
- Feedback and revision
- Using a Writing Assignment Guide (WAG) to plan content writing assignments

These instructional practices have been identified consistently in the research literature as most effective for improving student writing skills.

Who Should Participate: Grades 4-5 elementary teachers, grades 6-12 content classroom teachers, educators who provide support to struggling readers, literacy specialists and coaches, and administrators.

Versions

- Keys to Content Writing for Students with Learning Disabilities
- Keys to Content Writing for SEI and English as a Second Language

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