SpringBoard®
Building Independent Writing Abilities
WRITING WORKSHOPS WITH GRAMMAR ACTIVITIES
Actively Engaging Students in the Practice and Mastery of Writing

SpringBoard® Writing Workshops let teachers create a dynamic classroom and guide students through experiences that develop grammatical, rhetorical, and structural skills in writing.

The Writing Workshops actively engage students in the writing process. During the workshops, students are led through structured writing activities that give them learning strategies necessary to move from model texts to creating their own independent work. They’re actively involved in discussing their writing, making editorial decisions, and understanding what it’s like to think through the writing process.

Grammar Activities and the Grammar Handbook enhance language instruction throughout the year. Teachers use Writing Workshops to tailor instruction to meet students’ needs.

Students gain greater understanding and hone their skills by writing three separate texts in each workshop:

- As a class with direct teacher guidance
- With classmates in small groups
- Independently

College and career readiness standards give students a clear outline of what they need to know and what they should be able to do. SpringBoard helps them meet—and even exceed—the expectations of postsecondary work and beyond.
Helping students effectively express themselves

Each Writing Workshop has four teacher-guided activities structured to give students the confidence to move from direct writing instruction to independent writing. Each grade level features nine different modes of writing. This results in literacy skills essential for academic and career success.

Guided practice

Activity 1
Study Exemplar Text: Create meaning.

Activity 2
Class-Constructed Writing Practice: Create text.

Activity 3
Collaborative Construction: Plan and write in groups.

Activity 4
Independent Work: Individually apply the skills practiced in Activities 1–3.

Independent writing

Each grade level, 6–12, includes 10 workshops plus a Grammar Handbook with Grammar Activities:

Writing Workshop 1
The Writing Process

Writing Workshop 2
Argumentative Writing

Writing Workshop 3
Explanatory Writing

Writing Workshop 4
Narrative Writing: Short Story

Writing Workshop 5
Response to Literature

Writing Workshop 6
Research Writing

Writing Workshop 7
Narrative Nonfiction

Writing Workshop 8
Poetry

Writing Workshop 9
Script Writing

Writing Workshop 10
Procedural Texts
Making grammar concepts clear and easy to use

Grammar Handbook
The Grammar Handbook is a reference tool containing the essentials of grammar and usage, with definitions, descriptions, and examples. Each handbook provides students with supports for Writing Workshop content and context so students can put what they learn into practice.

- **Grammar and Usage** focuses on parts of speech and sentence construction so students understand agreement and syntax.
- **Style** guides students to refine their choice of words, voice, and structure so they can express their thoughts accurately and effectively.
- **Mechanics** covers capitalization and punctuation, as well as writers’ tools like parentheses, quotation marks, and italics.

Grammar Activities
Grammar Activities are focused mini-lessons that provide purposeful practice aligned to the skills used in the Writing Workshops and core ELA materials.

- Explanations of grammar, usage, style, and mechanics concepts appear in each activity so students can build knowledge and understanding as they work.
- **Check Your Understanding** provides ongoing assessments so teachers and students can evaluate progress and work on areas that need improvement.

Download workshop samples at [springboard.collegeboard.org](http://springboard.collegeboard.org) or call us at **877-999-7723**.

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