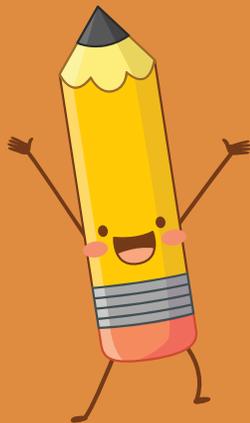


Everyday Writing for Homeschool Students

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Writing Matters

- **Everyday writing encourages confidence.**
- **Everyday writing strengthens critical thinking skills.**
- **Everyday writing develops reading comprehension.**
- **Everyday writing establishes strong communication skills.**
- **Everyday writing allows students to own their voice.**
- **Everyday writing will improve skillsets in other areas.**

The World We Live In:



- Technology is constantly changing the world around us. It is affecting how we write. Our children are especially affected by it.
- “A large number of educators and children’s advocates are concerned that the quality of young people’s writing is being consistently eroded by the careless spelling, sloppy grammar and punctuation and acronyms used in electronic communication” (Yale Perspective, para. 4).

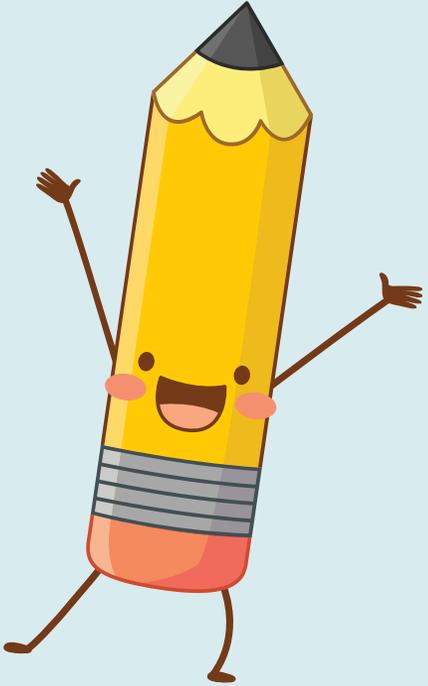


What Makes Good Writing?

Ernest Hemingway wrote: "There is no left and right in writing. There is only good and bad writing."



Everyday Writing Example:



- Devotional writing
- Gratitude journaling
- Responding to reading
- Summarizing what was read
- Creative journaling
- Listing steps in order
- Reviewing a movie they just watched or a book they just read.
- “Three things I noticed:” In this activity, the student writes three things they noticed or observed in a specific topic or subject.
- Art (drawing/doodling) with writing COUNTS. It’s a great way to express oneself.

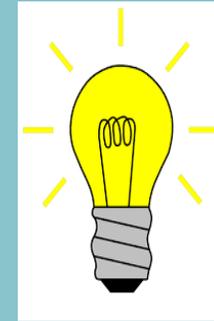
Everyday Writing Examples:

Science



- Go on a nature walk, then have your student write about the journey.
- Did they create something in the kitchen? Write out the recipe, or write out what worked and what didn't.
- Do they enjoy computer games? Have them write out directions on how to beat levels.
- Are they learning about animals? Write about a different animal each week and what makes that animal unique.
- Journal about a science experiment. Document its progress.

Instructional Tips:



Learn the tricks of the trade and apply them in your own homeschool curriculum!

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Remember Why I Tied This
Reminder String On
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"It's still just grammar, but now they think it's cool."

Tip #1: Repetition is Key

- Research shows that repeated practice in any content area will show improvement over time.
- There is a difference between short-term and long-term memory. Writing skills, once in long-term memory, will be with our children for a lifetime.
- Therefore, avoid teaching a topic once, then moving on. Keep coming back to it. Keep reviewing the concept.



Tip #2: Focus on One Specific Area at a Time

- Writing can be overwhelming. This is true for homeschool parents/teachers and their children.



- Provide focused instruction and practice per week/unit. This will also help with repetition.

Tip #3: Avoid Teaching Writing in Isolation

- Teach writing *with* reading or other subject matter.
- This helps to develop critical thinking skills in a multitude of areas.
 - We wouldn't teach dribbling skills in basketball without applying that skill to the game.
 - We wouldn't teach chord progression by itself without applying that skill to a song.



Tip #4: Start Young, but No Matter What, Just Start

- It's best to start as young as you can simply because writing is foundational, and it easily grows as the child moves through curriculum.

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- That said, it's not too late to start.
 - *Our minds are adaptable.*

Tip #5: Provide Feedback

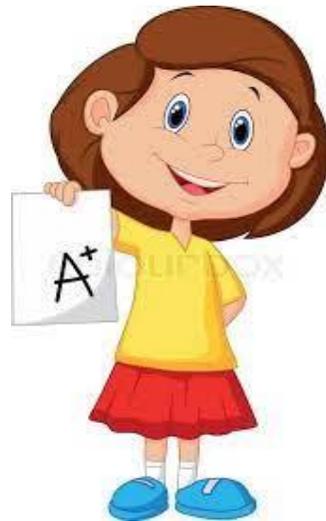
- A young person can practice all day long, but without proper feedback and/or direction, he or she may practice incorrectly.
- *How best to provide feedback?*
 - *First, provide instruction and practice. Go over it together. Modeling is important.*
 - *Second, connect that instruction to writing practice. Read through what the student wrote and focus only on the one lesson for the week.*
 - *Give the young person time to fix his or her error(s).*
 - *Break down feedback into small chunks.*





Tip #6: Save Their Work to Show Their Progress

- Sometimes we forget how far we've come.
- Keep a folder, binder, or notebook of the student's grammar and writing practice.
- Keeping it organized helps with grading as well.

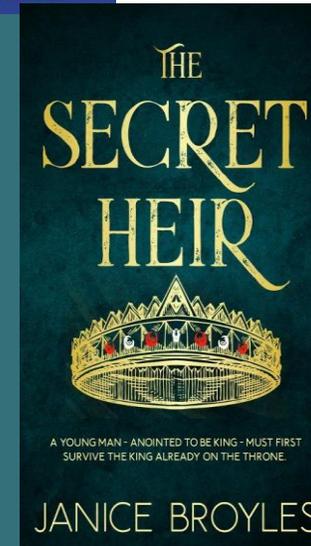
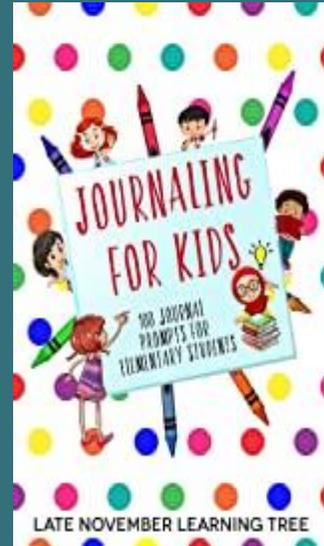
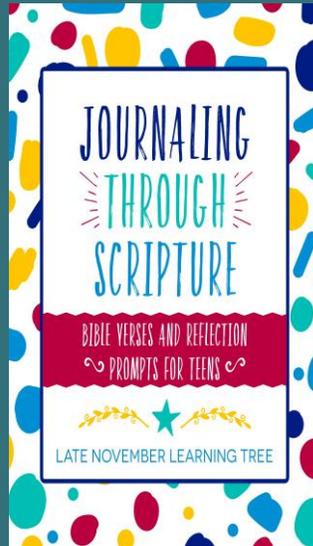
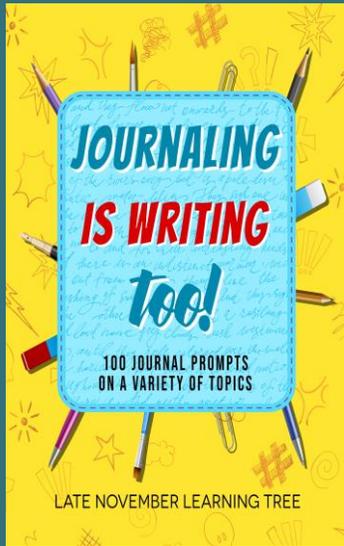


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