

Writing Standards

GRADE 3



Text Types and Purposes

Standard Code	Standard	Top Score Writing Lessons
1	Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons.	Section 3
	a. Introduce the topic or text, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure that lists reasons.	Lessons 42-45, 67
	b. Provide reasons that support the opinion.	Lessons 46-48, 50, 66, 68-70, 72
	c. Use linking words and phrases (e.g., because, therefore, since, for example) to connect opinion and reasons.	Lessons 67, 92-93
	d. Provide a concluding statement or section.	Lessons 49, 51, 71
2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.	Section 2
	a. Introduce a topic and group related information together; include illustrations when useful to aiding comprehension.	Lessons 23-26, 59
	b. Develop the topic with facts, definitions, and details.	Lessons 27-29, 31, 58, 60-62, 64, 94
	c. Use linking words and phrases e.g., also, another, and, more, but) to connect ideas within categories of information.	Lessons 36, 59, 92
	d. Provide a concluding statement or section.	Lessons 30, 32, 63
3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.	Section 4
	a. Establish a situation and introduce a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally.	Lessons 74-77
	b. Use dialogue and description of actions, thoughts, and feelings to develop experiences and events or show the responses of characters to situations.	Lesson 78, 83-84
	c. Use a temporal words and phrases to signal event order.	Lesson 81
	d. Provide a sense of closure.	Lesson 79

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Production and Distribution of Writing

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4	With guidance and support from adults, produce writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task and purpose. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)	Lessons 1, 82, 89, 91, 96-100
5	With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 3.)	Lessons 35, 38, 40, 54, 56, 86, 88
6	With guidance and support from adults, use technology to produce and publish writing (using keyboarding skills) as well as to interact and collaborate with others.	Teacher directed

Research to Build and Present Knowledge

Standard Code	Standard	Top Score Writing Lessons
7	Conduct short research projects that build knowledge about a topic.	Various text sets on topics
8	Recall information from experiences or gather information from print and digital sources; take brief notes on sources and sort evidence into provided categories.	Text sets and digital curriculum
9	(Begins in grade 4)	N/A

Range of Writing

Standard Code	Standard	Top Score Writing Lessons
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.	Section 5 Lessons 34, 37, 39, 53, 55, 57, 85, 87