

Writing Standards

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Style: Writing style includes different types of writing for different purposes.

Standard Code	Standard	Top Score Writing Lessons
12.W.1.S	Compose an argument about a complex topic.	Lessons 47-70
	Develop defensible and significant claims.	Lessons 49-52
	Distinguish alternate or opposing claims, assessing the strengths and weaknesses of each in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge, values, and bias.	Lessons 56, 64-65
	Maintain a cohesive argumentative structure throughout.	Lessons 47-73
	Provide relevant commentary to connect claims to the reasons and evidence.	Lessons 55, 61-62, 66-67
12.W.2.S	Write to inform about a complex topic.	Lessons 21-46
	Develop a topic addressing the most significant and relevant evidence.	Lessons 23-26
	Organize ideas, concepts, and information using major sections and subtopics.	Lessons 23-24
	Select well-chosen facts, extended definitions, quotations, commentary, and examples, making connections and distinctions when appropriate.	Lessons 29, 31-35, 37-38
	Maintain a cohesive informational structure and objective tone, clarifying the relationships among ideas, concepts, and information.	Lessons 21-46
12.W.3.S	Write to express real or imagined experiences and/or events.	N/A
	Develop the topic, context, narrative elements, and one or more points of view and/or perspectives.	N/A
	Select well-chosen, descriptive details, sensory language, and precise language, conveying a detailed picture of conflict, setting, and/or characters.	N/A
	Develop well-structured event sequences with multiple plotlines to enhance the relationships among ideas and experiences.	N/A
	Use narrative techniques effectively.	N/A

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Production: Writing production includes volume and clarity of writing and the writing process.

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12.W.4.P	Construct clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.	Lessons 1-106
12.W.5.P	Organize writing purposefully, composing an introduction, outline, major sections, and/or reflection appropriate to the task and purpose.	Lessons 2-8, 11-12, 14, 23-40, 49-68, 75-81
12.W.6.P	Use a variety of sentence types effectively.	Lessons 1-106
12.W.7.P	Choose precise words, phrases, and clauses to clarify relationships among ideas, commentary, claims, counterclaims, reasons, and/or evidence.	Lessons 17, 30, 41, 57, 79
12.W.8.P	Choose a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses effectively to connect ideas.	Lessons 17, 30, 41, 57, 79
12.W.9.P	Write with stamina over extended periods of time.	Lessons 1-106
12.W.10.P	Engage in the writing process (e.g., draft, revise, edit), addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.	Lessons 1-4, 10, 19, 21-24, 43, 45-50, 70, 72-73, 83, 87, 95
12.W.11.P	Include headings, graphics, and various multimedia to support ideas and information.	N/A
12.W.12.P	Conform writing to style manual guidelines appropriate for the discipline and writing type, editing writing to include grade-appropriate conventions for publishing.	Lessons 1-106

Research: Research includes identifying a topic, gathering information, and assessing sources.

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12.W.13.R	Conduct short and sustained research projects synthesizing information from multiple sources to answer a question or solve a problem, narrowing or broadening the inquiry when appropriate.	Passage Sets
12.W.14.R	Assess the credibility and accuracy of sources, using scholarly databases when appropriate.	Lessons 27-28, 53-54
12.W.15.R	Paraphrase, integrate, and/or embed select quotations to maintain the flow of ideas, crediting sources and/or authors and avoiding plagiarism.	Lessons 27-28, 53-54
12.W.16.R	Follow a standard citation format, including in-text citations, literature review, and works cited/references or bibliography.	Lessons 27-28, 53-54