

# Grade 4 Writing Standards



## ALABAMA

### WRITING

| Standard Code | Standard                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Top Score Writing Lessons                |
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| Std. 32       | Respond in writing to literature and informational text, including stories, dramas, poetry, and cross-curricular texts, both independently and with support, demonstrating grade-level proficiency.                                | 23-74                                    |
| Std. 34       | Write fluently and legibly in cursive, using correctly formed letters with appropriate spacing.                                                                                                                                    | —                                        |
| Std. 35       | Write personal or fictional narratives using a logical plot, transitional words and phrases, sensory details, and dialogue, and providing a sense of closure.                                                                      | 75-89                                    |
| Std. 36       | Write informative or explanatory text about a topic using sources, incorporating academic vocabulary, and including an introduction, facts, details with elaboration, and a conclusion.                                            | 23-48                                    |
| Std. 37       | Write an argument to persuade the reader to take an action or adopt a position, using an introduction, logical reasoning supported by evidence from relevant sources, and linking words to connect their argument to the evidence. | 49-74                                    |
| Std. 38       | Compose complete sentences with correct subject-verb agreement, punctuation, and usage.                                                                                                                                            | Grammar: Days 15-18, 27-30               |
| Std. 38a      | Order adjectives within sentences according to conventional patterns.                                                                                                                                                              | Grammar: Days 59-62, 101-102             |
| Std. 38b      | Form and use prepositional phrases and conjunctions.                                                                                                                                                                               | Grammar: Days 67-74, 91-94               |
| Std. 38c      | Recognize and correct sentence fragments and run-on sentences.                                                                                                                                                                     | Grammar: Days 17-18, 81-82               |
| Std. 38d      | Use commas, apostrophes, and quotation marks correctly.                                                                                                                                                                            | Grammar: Days 21-26, 31-32, 37-40, 75-78 |
| Std. 38e      | Use correct capitalization, including familial relations and proper adjectives.                                                                                                                                                    | Grammar: Days 1-4, 79-80                 |
| Std. 38f      | Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.                                                                                                                                                          | —                                        |
| Std. 39       | Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage.                                                                                                                                                      | Grammar: Days 55-56                      |

# Writing (continued)

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| Std. 39a      | Use relative pronouns who, whose, which, and that, relative adverbs where, when, and how, and irregular possessive nouns. | —                         |
| Std. 39b      | Form and use the progressive verb tenses.                                                                                 | Grammar: Days 55-56       |
| Std. 39c      | Use modal auxiliaries to convey various conditions.                                                                       | —                         |
| Std. 40       | Compose friendly and formal letters using appropriate elements, including date, greeting, body, and a signature.          | —                         |
| Std. 40a      | Write return address and mailing address in the proper locations on an envelope.                                          | —                         |