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Write for College

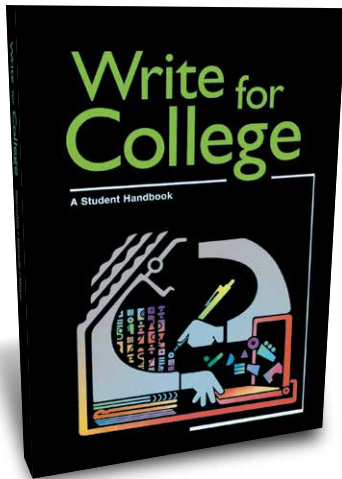
A Student Handbook

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Write for College prepares juniors and seniors in high school for success at universities and on the job. This handbook teaches critical skills in writing, thinking, reading, speaking, studying, researching, and test taking. In addition to guiding students through challenging academic forms, the handbook also helps them write in science, social studies, and math—and on the job! Fully updated with MLA 8 research and Common Core correlations, *Write for College* helps your students grab hold of their futures.

- **The Process of Writing** helps students improve their prewriting, drafting, revising, and editing.
- **The Forms of Writing** help students write narrative, explanatory, argument, literary, creative, research, and workplace forms.
- **The Tools of Learning** teach skills for learning in every class and throughout life.
- **The Proofreader's Guide** helps students with punctuation, mechanics, grammar, usage, and sentences.



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Citing Sources

Guidelines for In-Text Citations

The simplest way to credit a source is to insert the information (usually the author and page number) in parentheses after the words or ideas taken from that source. These in-text citations (often called "parenthetical references") refer to the "Works Cited" page at the end of your paper. (See page 328.)

Points to Remember

- Make sure each in-text citation clearly points to an entry in your list of works cited. Use the word or words by which the entry is alphabetized.
- Keep citations brief and integrate them into your writing. (See pages 334–337.)
- When paraphrasing, make it clear when your borrowing begins and ends. Use stylistic cues to distinguish the source's thoughts ("Kalmback points out . . .") from your own ("I believe . . .").
- For inclusive page numbers larger than 99, give only the two digits of the second number (113–14, not 113–114).
- At the end of a sentence, place your parenthetical reference before the end punctuation.

Model In-Text Citations

One Author: A Complete Work

You must give the author's last name in a parenthetical citation unless it is already mentioned in the text. An in-text citation could name an editor, a translator, a speaker, or an artist, instead of an author, if that is how the entry is listed in the works-cited section.

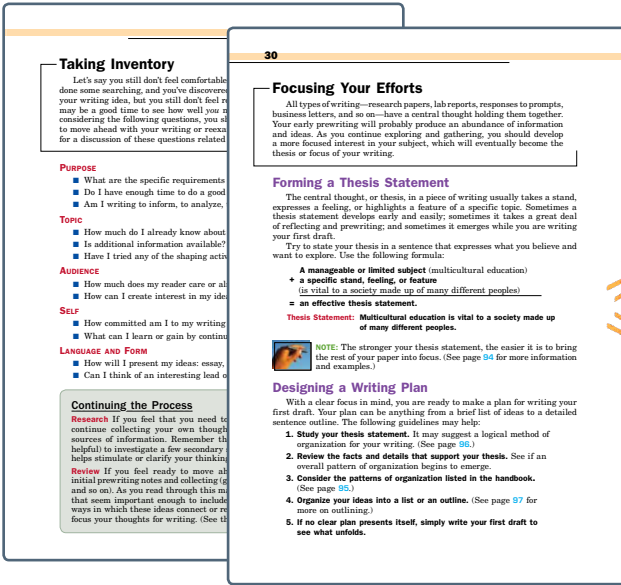
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In *No Need for Hunger*, Robert Spitzer recommends that the U.S. government develop a new foreign policy to help Third World countries overcome poverty.

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The free, online *Write for College Teacher's Guide* leads you page by page through the student handbook, helping you know how to use the material in your class. You'll find instructions and teaching tips, downloadable documents, related minilessons, alternative models, Common Core correlations, and much more:

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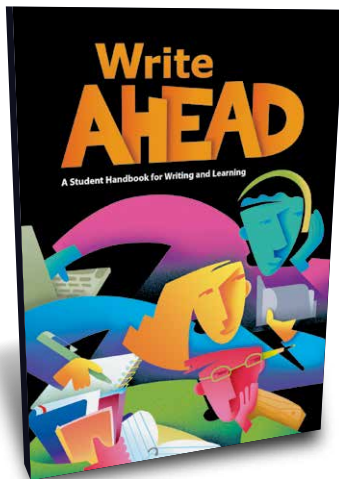
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Write Ahead helps high school freshmen and sophomores improve their writing, reading, test taking, and learning. Students learn specific strategies for each stage of the writing process, from prewriting to publishing. They also learn to write dozens of different forms, from personal narratives to argument essays. **Write Ahead** overflows with writing guidelines, models, checklists, tips, and much more.

- **Write Ahead aligns with the 9th and 10th grade standards** for writing, speaking and listening, language, reading literature, reading informational texts, and writing across the curriculum.
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- **Numerous writing assessment models** help students succeed in test-taking situations.
- **Chapters teach critical and creative thinking**, close reading, media literacy, and writing across the curriculum.



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Writing Guidelines

Prewriting **Choosing a Topic**

To come up with a good cause-effect essay topic, think about recent changes to your school, community, or environment. Also consider important events in history that have a clear cause-effect relationship.

Gathering Details

Next, research the causes and effects of your topic. Causes explain why something happened. Effects explain the results of what happened. You can use a cause-effect chart to track your results.

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Cause: Poaching | → | Topic: Decline in elephant populations | → | Effect: Endangered species |
| Cause: Urbanization | → | | → | Effect: Ecosystem disruptions |
| Cause: Land cultivation | → | | | |

Choose a Focus

As you continue your research, look for a clear cause-effect relationship. For example, you could make a clear connection between poaching and declining elephant populations. Once you've established clear causes and effects, write a thesis statement that explains the main connection.

| | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|---|
| Cause: Poaching and loss of habitat | + | Effect: Dwindling elephant population and danger of extinction | = | Thesis statement: Poaching and loss of habitat are driving elephants toward extinction. |
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Write on Course 20-20

A Student Handbook for Writing, Thinking, and Learning

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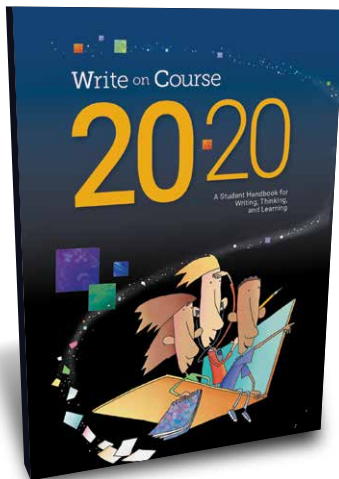
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Write on Course 20-20 is the perfect resource for students in grades 6–8 who want to become better writers, readers, thinkers, and learners. The handbook overflows with helpful guidelines, models, checklists, tips, and much more. If *Write on Course 20-20* looks familiar, you’ve probably seen its predecessor: *Write Source 2000!*

What’s new in this edition? *Write on Course 20-20* features fully updated models, illustrations, and instruction. You’ll also find these additions:

- Alignment to the new state standards, ensuring that students have what they need to succeed in school, college, and career.
- Carefully designed writing-assessment chapters to help students compose on-demand responses to narrative, explanatory, argumentative, and literary prompts.
- Thoughtfully planned chapters to help students improve their writing skills in science, social studies, and math.



Course-Effect Essay 193

next, and pizza another night. The average person eats out five times a week (Frey). Fast food is perfect for a hectic lifestyle because it is quick, cheap, and convenient.

The health impact of fast food has many people worried. Experts blame fast food for increased levels of childhood obesity. Trans fat was, until recently, commonly found in fast food, and it has been linked to weight gain and increased risk of diabetes. In addition, many fast foods are packed with sugar, sodium, and calories, which can lead to high levels of cholesterol. Since today's children eat fast food five times more often than they did in the 1970s, these health issues are being taken very seriously (Center for Disease Control).

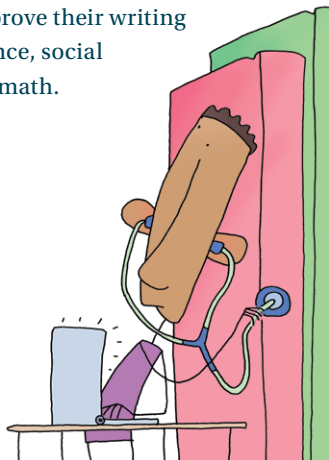
Fast food has caused changes in America's economy, culture, and health, and the industry will continue to do so in the future. However, fast-food businesses have shown they are willing to change to meet their customers' demands. With the rising rate of childhood and adult obesity, fast-food restaurants have begun to offer healthy options such as salad, fruit, and yogurt. Chains are promoting food without trans fat, too. Whatever your opinion is of fast food, one thing is clear: Fast food is here to stay, and its impact won't end any time soon.

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Patterns of Organization

Use the graphics below to help organize the body of your cause-effect essay.

| Cause-Focused | Effect-Focused |
|---------------|----------------|
| Beginning | Beginning |
| Cause | Cause(s) |
| Cause | Effect |
| Cause | Effect |
| Effect(s) | Effect |
| Ending | Ending |



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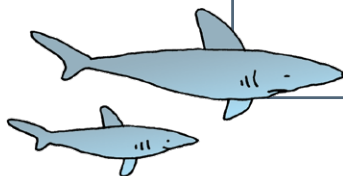
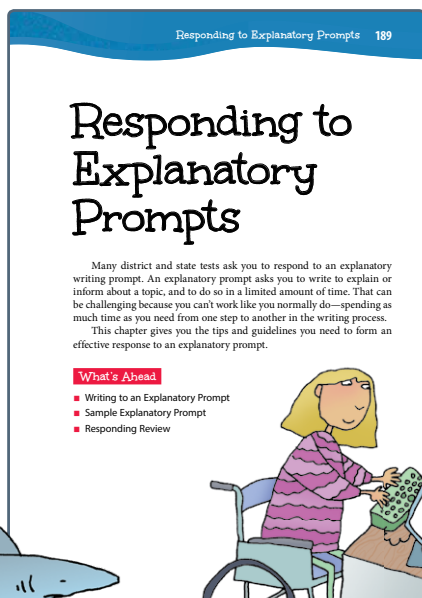
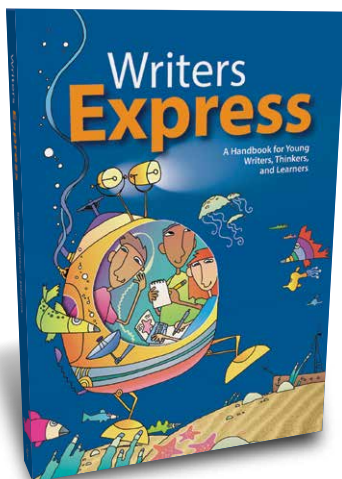
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Writers Express is the ideal writing handbook for students in grades 4 and 5. This colorful, user-friendly resource helps your students improve their writing skills and overall fluency. The guidelines, illustrations, and models are presented with a positive, encouraging tone—just right for blossoming writers. The handbook is divided into four major sections:

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- **The Proofreader's Guide** answers any questions your students have about punctuation, spelling, capitalization, commonly mixed pairs, and much more.



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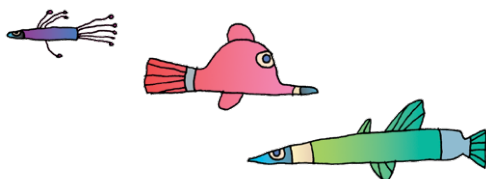
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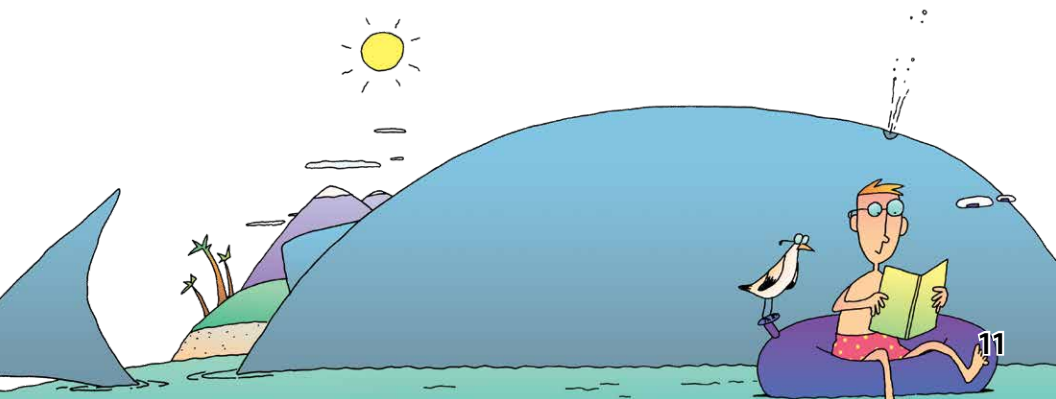
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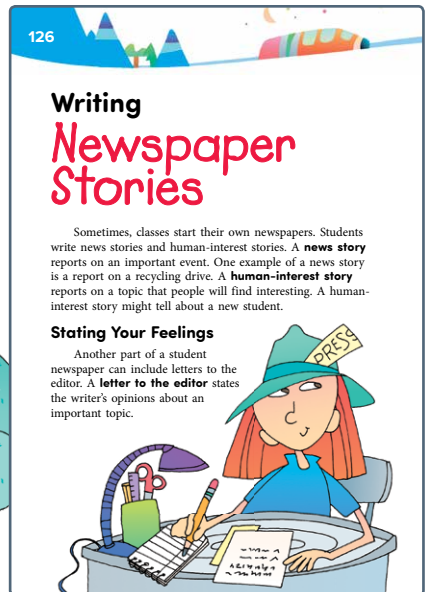
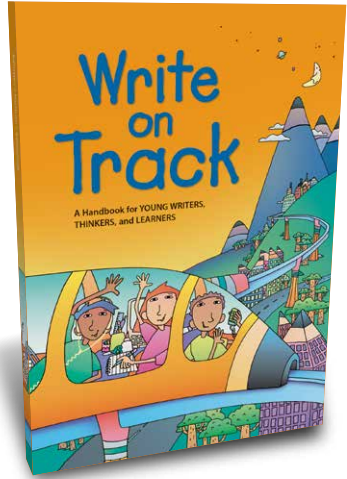
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Write on Track helps your third graders become better writers, readers, thinkers, test takers, and learners. You'll find guidelines, models, checklists, tips, and much more. *Write on Track* uses colorful art and an encouraging voice to lead students step by step through the writing process.

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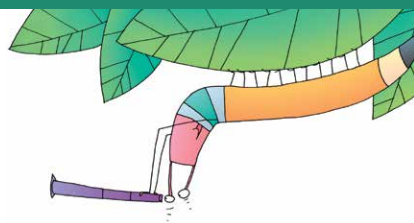


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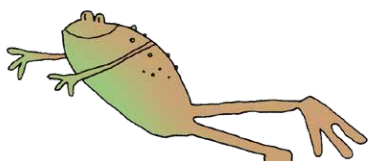
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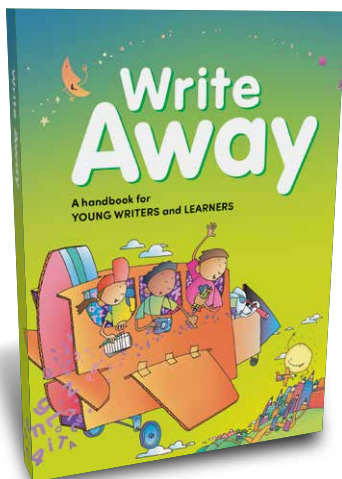
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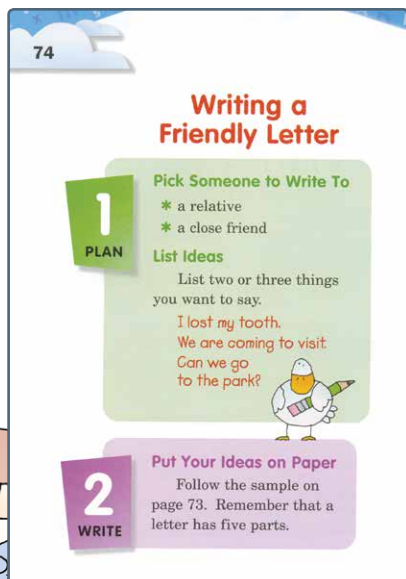
Write Away encourages second grade writers with beautiful illustrations and a friendly voice:

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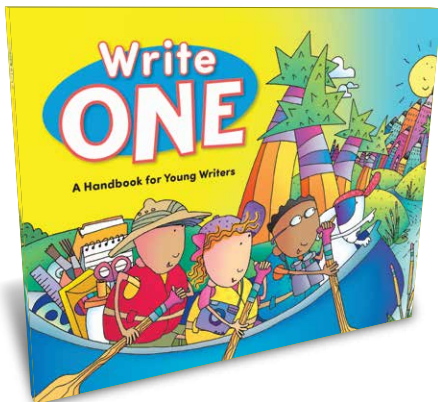
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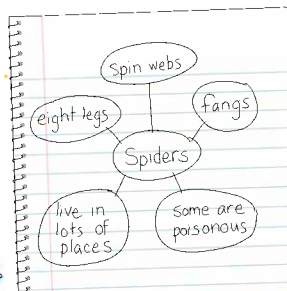
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- Learn about your topic.
- List or cluster the important facts.



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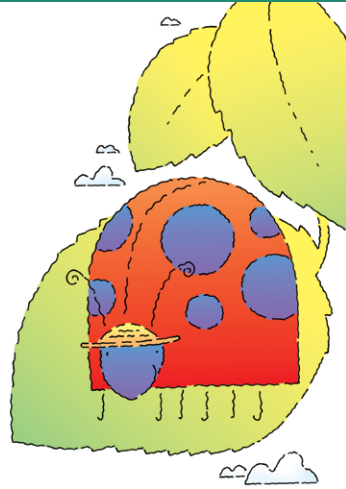
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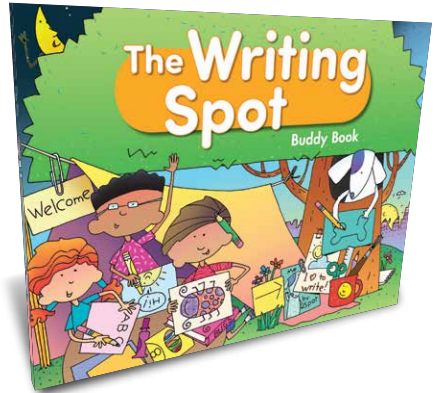
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|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| bed _____ed | hat _____at | sea _____lea |
| snow _____low | sky _____ly | pull _____ull |

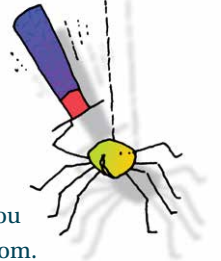
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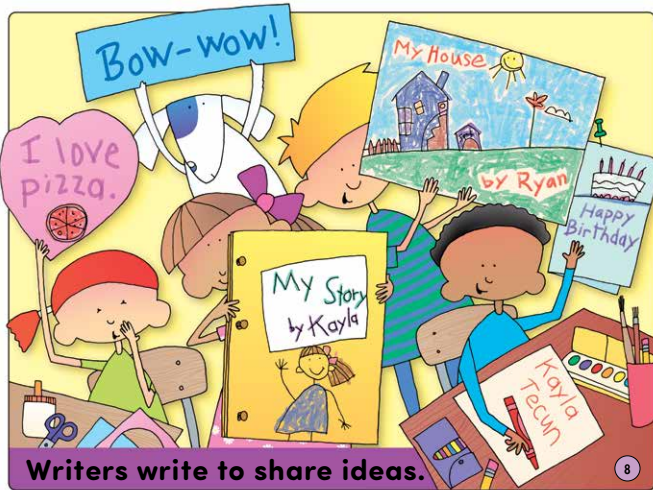
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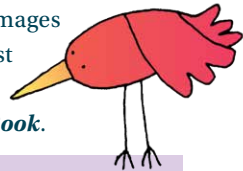


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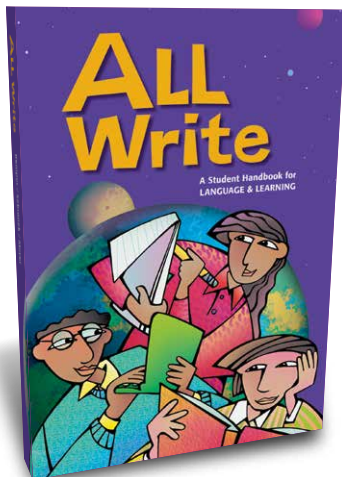
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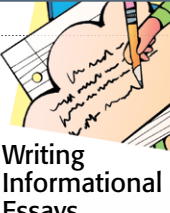
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Writing Informational Essays

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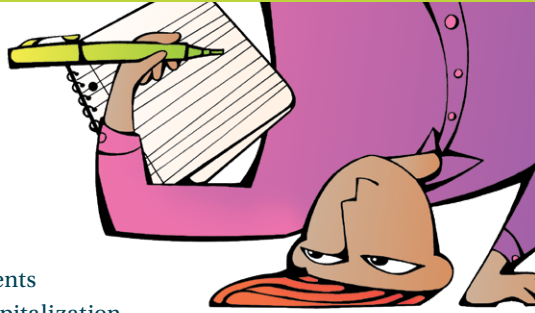


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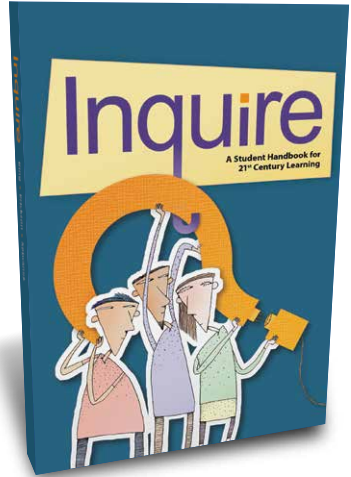
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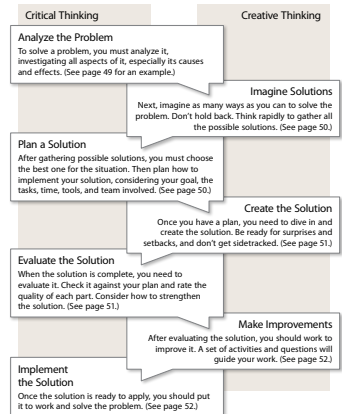
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Understanding Problem Solving

Problem solving requires both critical and creative thinking. The diagram below shows how you move through the stages of problem solving.



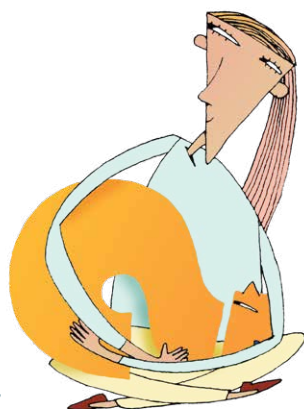
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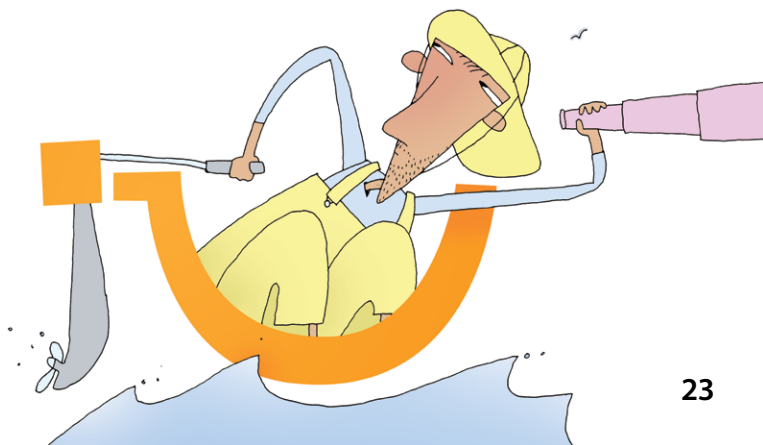
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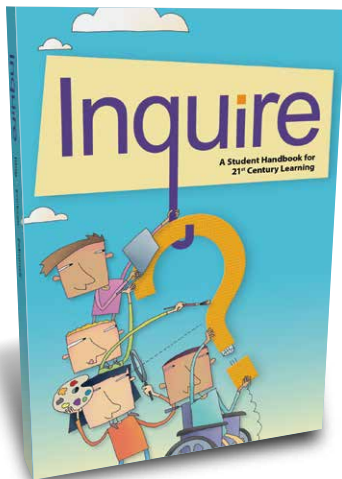
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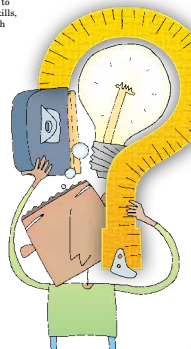
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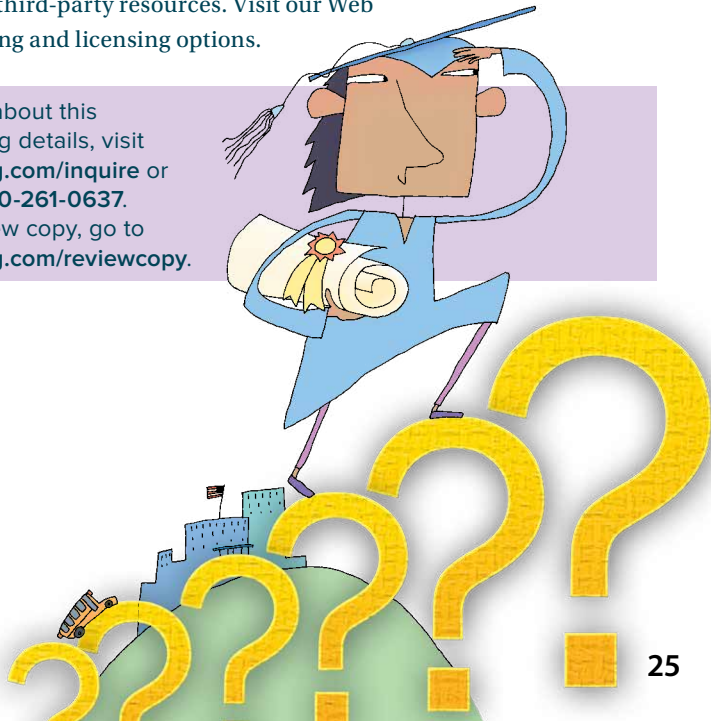
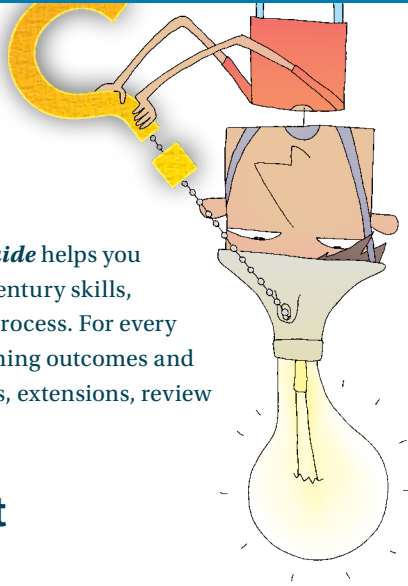
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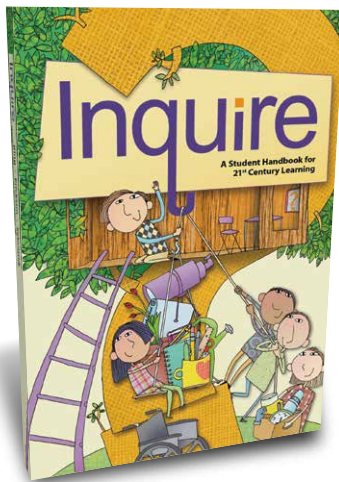
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Why is questioning like opening a can of worms?

Chapter 18 Questioning

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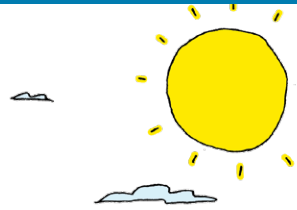
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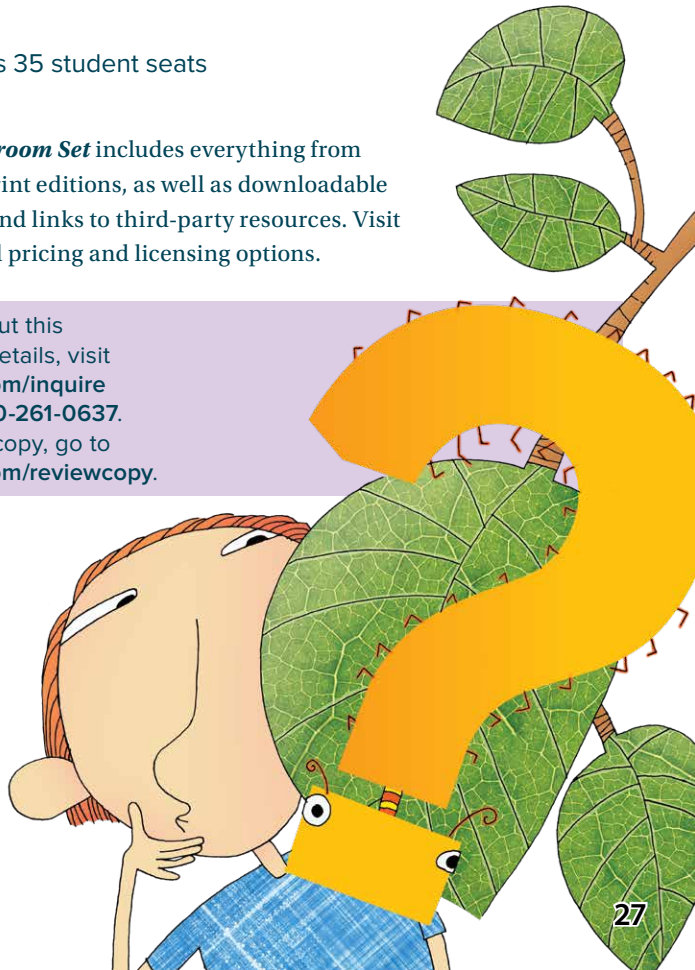
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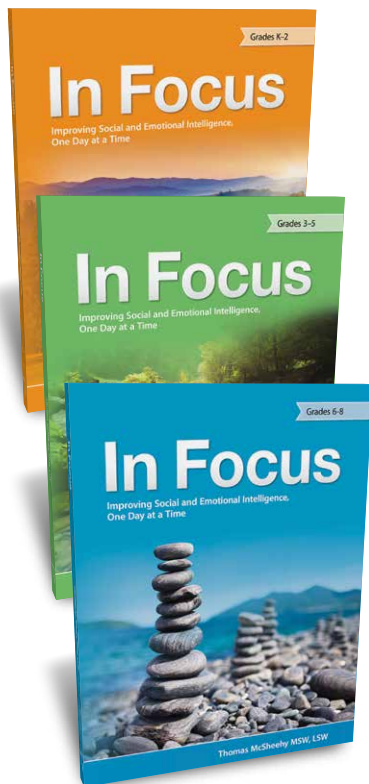
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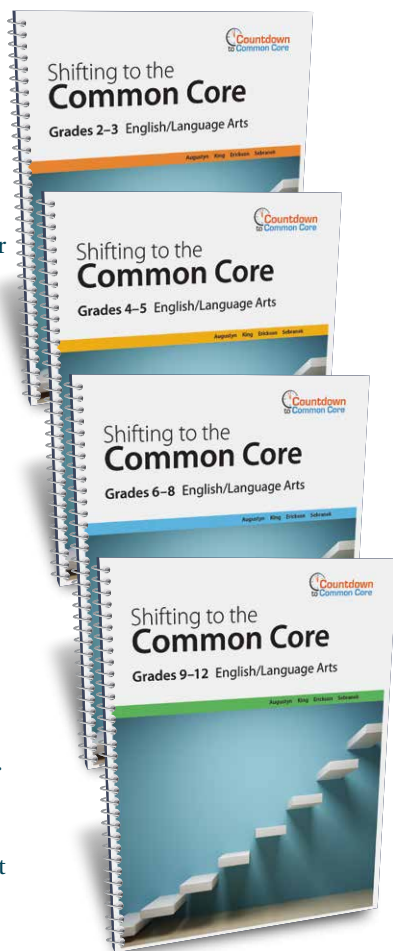
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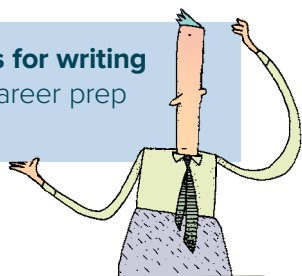
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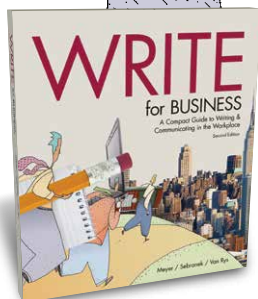
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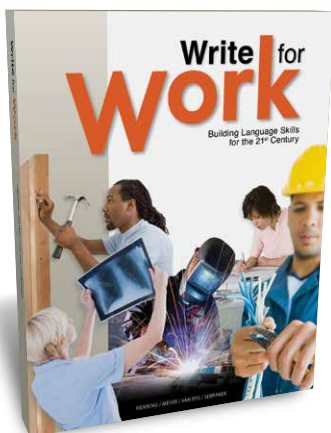
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🔊 Listen to "Tree House Summer."

Sample Paragraph

Tree-House Summer

Topic Sentence

Body Sentences

Ending Sentences

Last summer, my friends and I built a tree house in my back yard. We started by designing the tree house! Then we listed materials we needed and found a store that sold building supplies. We took our list and the money we had saved and went shopping. We loaded everything into my dad's van and headed back. The first thing we had to do was build a frame for the floor of the house. (My mom helped with that.) Next we used a rope to raise all the wood up into the tree. We then carefully nailed the boards to the frame, and we soon had a floor. After that, we added walls and a roof. We now had a great place to hang out for the rest of the summer!



Respond to the paragraph.

Answer the following questions about the paragraph. Make a copy of this [Google doc](#) or download a [Word template](#).

1. What process does the paragraph describe?

📝 The paragraph describes building a tree house.

2. What words does the writer use to show time order?

📝 Last summer, started, then, first thing, next, then, soon, after that, now

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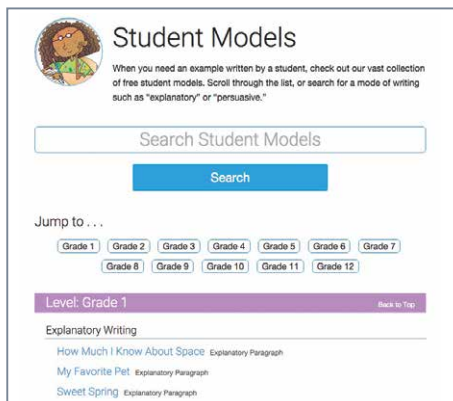
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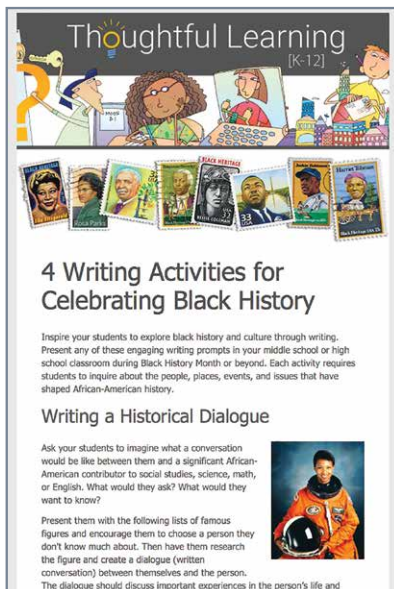
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