



Homeschool Learning Network

The Art of Writing Workplan (9-12)

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The Art of Writing

Or is it the science of writing - or both?! Writing is both a creative and mechanical process that is, indeed, a fine craft when it is mastered! This week, HLN helps with your writing skills through learning about grammar, non-fiction writing, creative writing and poetry writing!

Grammar Basics

Can you identify the nouns in this sentence? The subject? The predicate? Is the punctuation correct? Setting up a proper system for learning grammar is an important part of any education, from Kindergarten through high school. Join HLN to learn more about grammar and the resources you need to make it a part of your weekly curriculum!

The Art of Writing Poetry

Painters and sculptors use different types of art media to create beautiful pictures and elegant statues. Poets use different forms of poetry to create varied, unique images with words on paper. In this unit, encourage your children to explore various forms of poetry-and learn about some ways of writing poetry with today's lessons and activities!

Non-Fiction: Essays, Reports & Research

Learning write effectively will help prepare you for success both in your learning and throughout your life! This unit provides you with the necessary tools for researching and writing paragraphs, reports, biographies, and essays.

Creative Writing

Legendary newspaper publisher Joseph Pulitzer, who in 1911 endowed the prestigious Pulitzer Prize for exemplary journalism, had this advice for aspiring writers: "Put it before them briefly so they will read it, clearly so they will appreciate it, picturesquely so they will remember it, and above all, accurately so they will be guided by its light." The difficulty of teaching children to write creatively is also legendary. We can, however, follow Pulitzer's advice and attempt to teach them to write with clarity, accuracy, brevity, and beauty. Today's creative writing lessons will help in that effort!!

THE PROCESS:

1. **Review** each of the 4 thematic units, and decide which topics your child would enjoy learning about. Use the text in the units and library books on the topic to introduce and enhance your child's knowledge.
2. **Choose** 2-4 lessons for each day according to your child's grade that you would like to cover from the Lesson Plan Matrix for this week (page 2).
3. **Print out** this week's Unit Study Planner (pages 3 and 4).
4. **Write down** the lessons you chose for each day in your Unit Study Planner. Make sure to vary the lessons according to the subjects you would like to cover.
5. **Gather the materials** you need for the lessons you chose.
6. **Add Language Arts, Science, and Math Worksheets** from our Weekly Worksheets section to your weekly plan.
7. **Archive your Work Plans and weekly work.** Note that every week, every subject may not be covered. However, weekly themes are designed to cover all subjects over the span of a semester of learning.
8. **Enjoy your learning experience!**



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THEME: _____

Character Education Citizenship Bible Studies Community			
Lesson or Activity:		Lesson or Activity:	
Sources:	Time/Date:	Sources:	Time/Date:
Language Arts & Literature Grammar Vocabulary Spelling Languages Literature Creative			
Lesson or Activity:		Lesson or Activity:	
Sources:	Time/Date:	Sources:	Time/Date:
Social Studies & Geography Current Events Geography Cultures Government Civics			
Lesson or Activity:		Lesson or Activity:	
Sources:	Time/Date:	Sources:	Time/Date:
History Biographies US History World History Ancient History			
Lesson or Activity:		Lesson or Activity:	
Sources:	Time/Date:	Sources:	Time/Date:
Science & Nature Life Science Physical Science Space Science Technology			
Lesson or Activity:		Lesson or Activity:	
Sources:	Time/Date:	Sources:	Time/Date:



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Math			
Real World Elementary Math Secondary Math Graphing			
Lesson or Activity:		Lesson or Activity:	
Sources:	Time/Date:	Sources:	Time/Date:
The Arts			
Visual Arts Drama Dance			
Lesson or Activity:		Lesson or Activity:	
Sources:	Time/Date:	Sources:	Time/Date:
Physical Education & Exercise			
Games Sports Exercise Nature			
Lesson or Activity:		Lesson or Activity:	
Sources:	Time/Date:	Sources:	Time/Date:

Two-week Theme Planner

Dates:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1					
Week 2					