

The 6 Traits of Writing: Text Exemplars for Grades K-2

Ideas

- The Important Book

By Margaret Wise Brown

- Flotsam

By David Wiesner

- The Mysteries of Harris Burdick

By Chris Van Allsburg

Word Choice

- Clementine

By Sara Pennypacker, illustrated by Marla Frazee

- Rattletrap Car

By Phyllis Root, illustrated by Jill Barton

- I Love You the Purplest

By Barbara M. Jooose, illustrated by Mary Whyte

Organization

- If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

By Laura Numeroff, illustrated by Felicia Bond

- That's Good! That's Bad!

By Margery Cuyler, illustrated by David Catrow

- Fortunately

By Remy Charlip

Sentence Fluency

- There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly

By Simms Taback

- Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

By Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault, illustrated by Lois Ehlert

- Alexander and the Horrible, Terrible, No

Good, Very Bad Day By Judith Viorst, illustrated by Ray Cruz

Voice

- Voices in the Park

By Anthony Browne

- Diary of a Worm

By Doreen Cronin, illustrated by Harry Bliss

- The True Story of the Three Little Pigs

By Jon Scieszka, illustrated by Lane Smith

Conventions

- Dear Deer: A Book of Homophones

By Gene Baretta

- Punctuation Takes a Vacation

By Robyn Pulver, illustrated by Lynn Rowe Reed

- Nouns and Verbs Have a Field Day

By Robyn Pulver, illustrated by Lynn Rowe Reed

The 6 Traits of Writing: Text Exemplars for Grades 3-5

Ideas

- How to Write Your Life Story

By Ralph Fletcher

- Writing Magic

By Gail Carson Levine

- You Have to Write

By Janet S. Wong, illustrated by Teresa Flavin

Word Choice

- The B.F.G.

By Roald Dahl

- A Series of Unfortunate Events

By Lemony Snicket

- The Phantom Tollbooth

By Norton Juster

Organization

- The Five Lives of Our Cat Zook

By Joanne Rocklin

- The Elephant Scientist

By Caitlin O'Connell and Donna M. Jackson

- 11 Birthdays

By Wendy Mass

Sentence Fluency

- Love That Dog

By Sharon Creech

- The Music of Dolphins

By Karen Hesse

- On My Honor

By Marion Dane Bauer

Voice

- Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key

By Jack Gantos

- Amelia's Notebook

By Marissa Moss

- Because of Winn Dixie

By Kate DiCamillo

Conventions

- It Figures!: Fun Figures of Speech

By Marvin Teban, illustrated by Giulio Maestro

- The Girl's Like Spaghetti

By Lynne Truss, illustrated by Bonnie Timmons

- A Poke in the I

Edited by Paul Janeczko, illustrated by Chris Raschka

The 6 Traits of Writing: Text Exemplars for Grades 6-8

Ideas

- No More Dead Dogs

By Gordon Korman

- A Monster Calls

By Patrick Ness

- Tangerine

By Edward Bloor

Word Choice

- Rules

By Cynthia Lord

- The Golden Compass

By Philip Pullman

- An American Plague

By Jim Murphy

Organization

- American Born Chinese

By Gene Luen Yang

- Holes

By Louis Sachar

- The Good, the Bad, and the Barbie

By Tanya Lee Stone

Sentence Fluency

- Out of the Dust

By Sharon Creech

- What Jamie Saw

By Carolyn Coman

- The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

By Sherman Alexie

Voice

- Diary of a Wimpy Kid

By Jeff Kinney

- Water Balloon

By Audrey Vernick

- The Book Thief

By Marcus Zusak

Conventions

- Technically, It's Not My Fault

By John Grandits

- You

By Charles Benoit

- How I Live Now

By Meg Rosoff