

# Webquest for WRITING



## Introduction

You are a first year teacher in a second grade class. Students entering the second grade are struggling with the writing process. A team meeting has been called for all the second grade teachers to discuss this issue. In preparation for your team meeting you are to gather information on ways to improve writing in the classroom.

## Task

For this project, you will need to make a graphic organizer showing the different components of writing and how they can be used in the classroom. The organizer should have three components from the main idea and from each idea, there should

be two supporting ideas. This will supply the team with six ways to improve writing in the classroom. The graphic organizer does not have to be made on the computer. It can be drawn on paper for this project, but for the meeting, but you will need to make a formal web on the computer and make copies for your team.

## Process



To begin your web organizer, your center idea will be "writing in the classroom". Using the information available, decide on three ideas of writing programs that can be instituted in the classroom. For example, writer's workshop, journals, etc. For supporting concepts, find two or more activities that can be used in each program. Draw a web of these ideas on paper and include the web sites or other sources that you used to gather information.

## Resources

These are some suggested resources you can use for your organizer. If you have your own web pages or other resources,

feel free to use them, as long as you document this on your organizer.

<http://henson.austin.apple.com/edres/ellesson/elem-ripkin.shtml>

[http://www.indiana.edu/~eric\\_rec/ieo/bibs/createle.html](http://www.indiana.edu/~eric_rec/ieo/bibs/createle.html)

<http://www.bloomfield.org/lda/Elem/Language/Writing/Writing.html>

<http://www.ceismc.gatech.edu/busyt/ele.html>

<http://t3.jordan.k12.ut.us>

<http://www.alpine.k12.ut.us>

## Evaluation

Each student will be responsible for creating a graphic organizer (a web) that will include three supporting ideas with two ideas for each main idea. You will be graded on the completion of the organizer as related to the checklist below.

Task	Check
Title	
Main idea	
Three Concepts	
Two supporting concepts for each main one	
Resource list	

## Conclusion

Congratulations on becoming a writing expert for your second grade team! Now you can enjoy your Christmas vacation without the stress of your E-plan, portfolio, children's lit., science units, social studies curriculum, health, reading multicultural books, M-plan artifacts, math units (??), religion quotes... you get the point. Good luck student teaching!!

