

Writing Mini-Lessons

Focus and Coherence:

- Introductions/leads
- Conclusions/endings
- Focus/Main idea
- Theme (Truth about life)

Organization:

- Paragraphing
- Sequence
- Cause and effect
- Problem-solution
- Persuasion

Development:

- Transitions
- Sentence combining
- Specific nouns (details)
- Specific verbs (details)
- Elaboration

Voice:

- Mood
- Tone
- Show not tell
- Point of view
- Figurative language (simile, metaphor)
- Sound devices (onomatopoeia, alliteration)
- Dialogue
- Word choice

Conventions:

- Commas
- End marks
- Punctuating Dialogue
- Spelling demons
- Using a dictionary
- Editing on the computer
- Run on sentences
- Capitalization rules
- Subject-verb agreement
- Avoiding tense shifts