

My Story
Ideas

What I Love...

My Reasons

Reason #1

My Reasons

Reason #2

My Reasons

Reason #3

Opinions Vs. Reasons

Human teeth are as strong as shark teeth.



A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.



There is no sound in space.



ants can't move



Name _____



Opinion Writing Sort

This opinion writing is out of order. Cut out the boxes and glue them in the correct order below.

I think that summer is the best season.

Firstly, it's warm and you can play outside.

I prefer evenings to mornings.



My favorite dessert is ice cream.



Typing my work on the computer is better than writing on paper.



You see, I'm not a morning person and I get super grumpy.



Well, it's creamy, cold, and delicious!

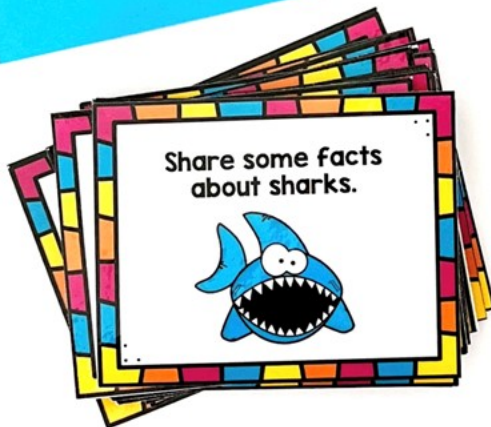




The only thing worse
than when your school
doesn't provide a
writing curriculum...

...is when they provide an AWFUL writing curriculum!





I hear teachers say this about their big box curriculum –

"It's too open ended and vague"

"Not teacher friendly, wordy and annoying to follow. SO many pages to read for just one lesson!"

"Too difficult for the kids!"

"Never covered the basics, not enough solid instruction. It expects students to just sit and write for long stretches"



But what if there was a way for your writing lessons to be **engaging** for students and **enjoyable** for you to teach?

At Recess...

Beginning



Middle



End



The Superhero

Beginning



Middle



End



Dinosaur Details



The Perfect Pet...

Reason #1

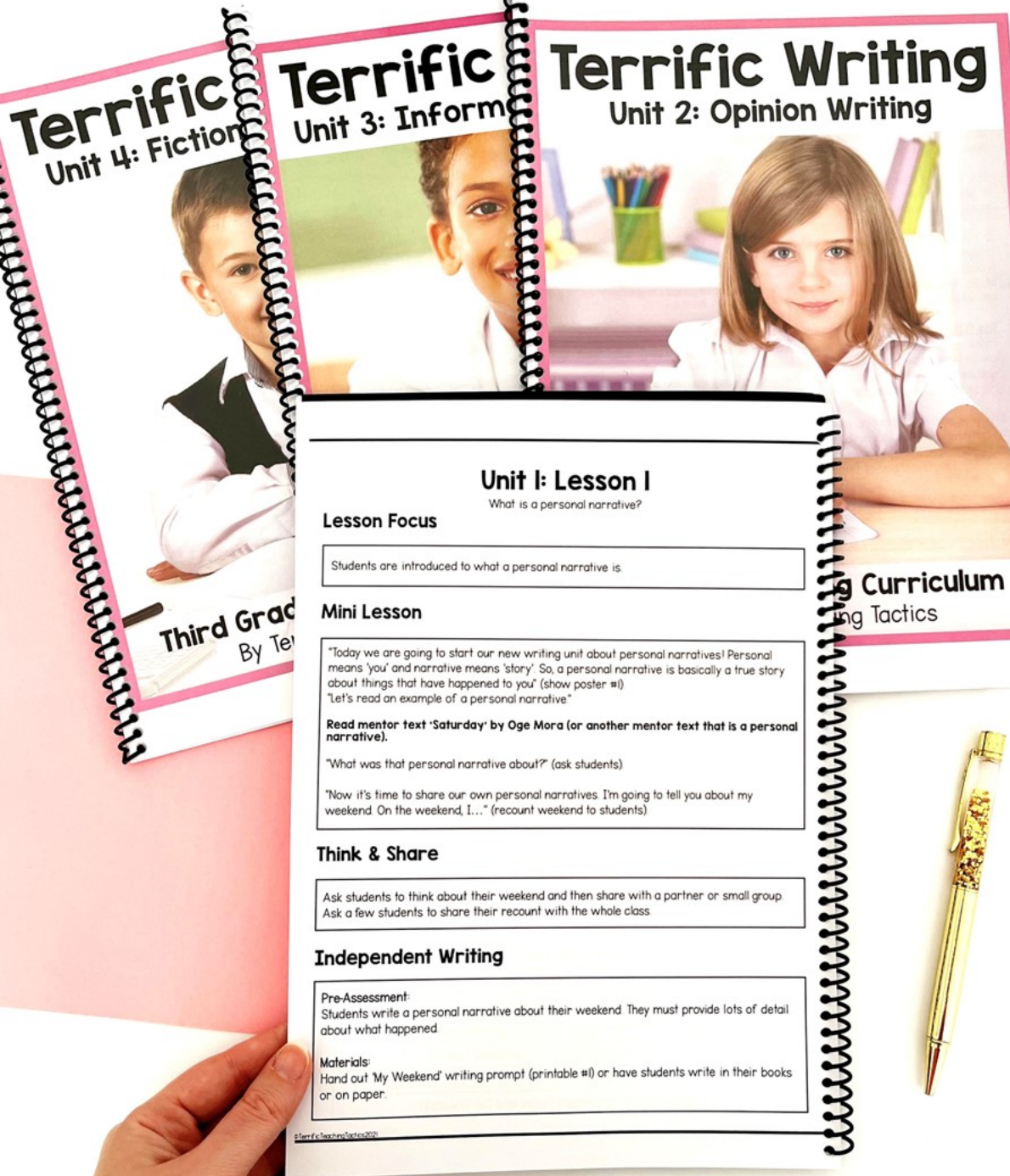


Reason #2



Reason #3

that cats
because
They
can



Let me introduce
you to...
Terrific Writing!

Engaging
student
activities?
Check!

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OREO Opinion Writing

Use this OREO graphic organizer to organize your opinion writing.

O Opinion: I think that the best sport is tennis.

R Reason: The main reason that I love tennis is that you can play on your own or with a teammate.

E Example: It's cool that you get a choice. For example, I love playing doubles with my friends!

O That's why tennis is the best sport in my opinion.

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Sad Moments

Write about a small moment where you felt really sad or angry.

My Moment -
I was really sad when I lost my dog, Rex. He went missing a few weeks ago.

Draw a picture 

I realized when I woke up that Rex was missing. I was so worried! He had escaped through a hole in the fence. I was so sad and missed him so much.

Write details about what happened and why you felt that way.



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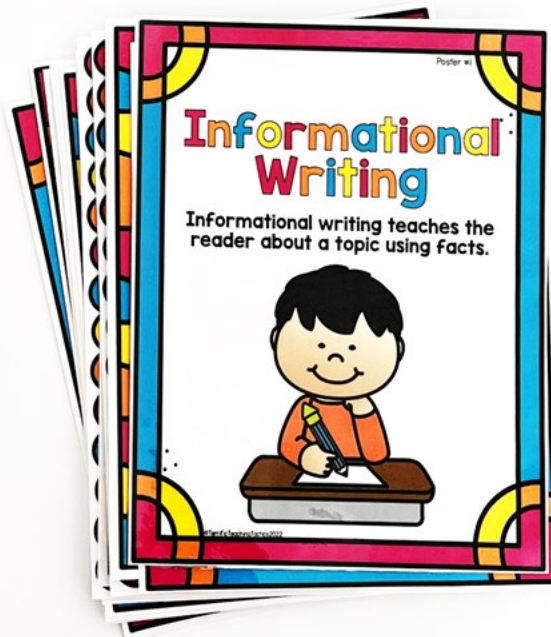
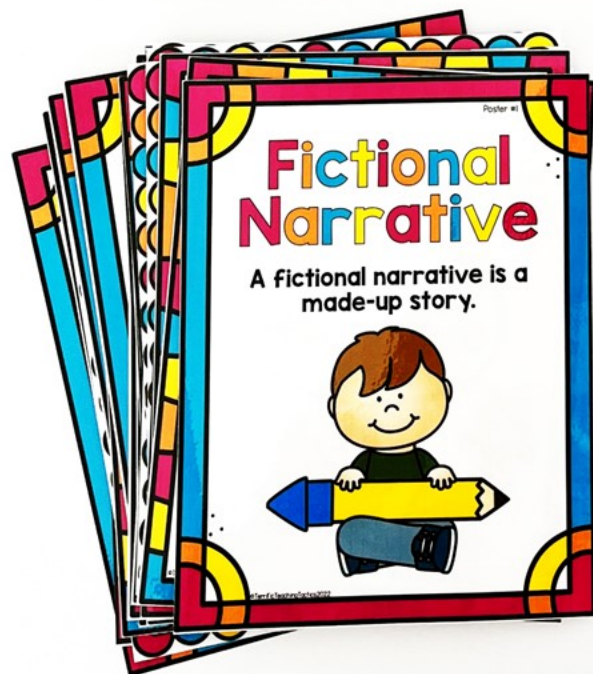
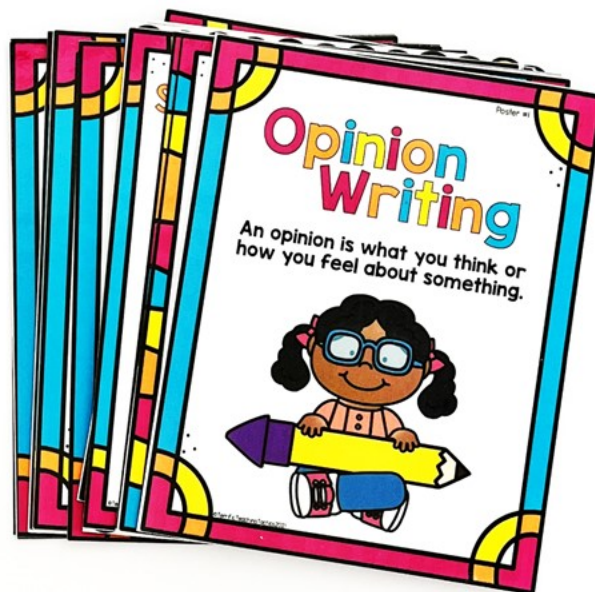
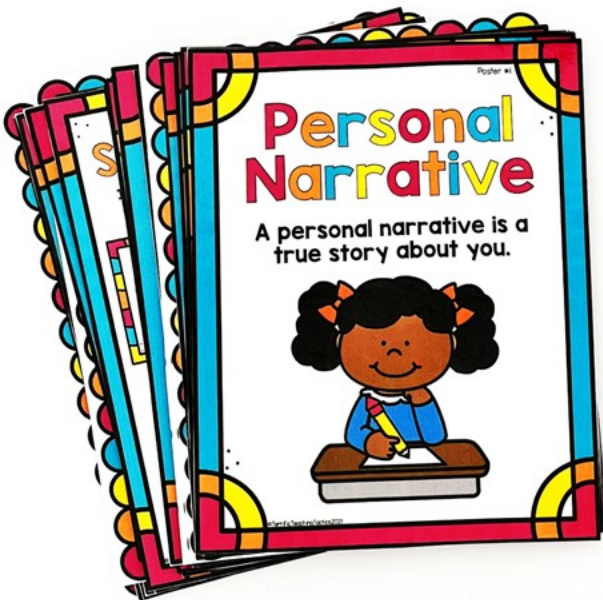
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Mentor texts (so
you don't have to
source any)?
Check!





This curriculum has **everything** you need (so that you can stop planning lessons and get your evenings and weekends back)!

Unit At-A-Glance Calendar

If you have a writing lesson each day, this unit can be taught in five weeks. If you do not teach writing every single day, this unit may span 6-7 weeks in order to complete all of the lessons.

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Week 1	What is opinion writing?	Would you rather?	My favorites	Which is better?	Opinions need reasons
Week 2	Three good reasons	Reasons need details	Writing a book review	Fact vs. opinion	Opinion reasons
Week 3	Let's make a plan	My favorite movie	The structure of opinion writing	OREO opinion writing	Let's brainstorm
Week 4	Introduce your topic	Providing reasons	Support your reasons	Linking words	Let's plan
Week 5	Time for a closing	Putting it all together	Revise, edit, and add more detail	Final draft	

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Unit 3: Lesson 1

What is informational writing?

Lesson Focus

Students are introduced to what informational writing is.

Mini Lesson

"Today we are going to start our new writing unit. It's informational writing! You might be wondering what that is. Informational writing is when we teach our reader about a topic. We share information about a real person, place, or thing. We aren't sharing our stories or opinions, we are sharing true facts. For example, informational writing about spiders would tell you facts about what spiders eat and what they look like" (show poster #1).
"Let's read a story that tells us about informational writing."

Read mentor text 'Stella and Class: Information Experts' By Janiel M. Wagstaff (or another mentor text about informational writing).
"What did you learn about informational writing?" (ask students)
"Now it's time to think about a topic that we know lots about, our school. We can easily teach others by sharing facts and information. Imagine that a new person was going to join our school, what would they need to know?"

Think & Share

Ask students to think about their school and share ideas with a partner or small group. Ask a few students to share their ideas with the whole class.

Independent Writing

Pre-Assessment:
Students write a short informational piece all about their school.

Materials:
Hand out 'All About My School' writing prompt (printable #1) or have students write in their books or on paper.

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Each unit has 25 step-by-step lesson plans.

(these one page lesson plans are scripted, but not long and wordy!)

(with detailed examples and elaborations to help you understand them)

My tip for using
If narrative ele
If narrative ele
If narrative ele
level

You can then use these point

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My First Draft

Have you ever wanted to eat sushi or see a huge volcano? Japan is a fascinating country that has lots of tasty food, cool things to see, and interesting culture. Japan is a country in East Asia. Let's learn all about it!

The Japanese flag is a red circle on a white background. The red circle means a rising sun and the white is a field.

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ramen (thin egg
as a hot bowl
hi...)

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Checklist #2

Writing must-haves (areas to edit and improve)

It's time to read your informational writing and see which areas need work! Use this checklist to edit and improve your writing. You must use the checklist first. Next, a partner and adult must also complete it. Tick what has been done.

Edit & Improve	Self Check	Peer Check	Adult Check
Neat Handwriting	☒		
Finger Spaces	☒		
Capital Letters	☒	☒	☒
Punctuation .?!	☒	☒	☒
Spelling	☒	☒	☒
Describing Words			
Adverbs	☒	☒	
Is it interesting?			
Is it detailed?	☒		
Is it in order?			
Does it make sense?	☒	☒	☒

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Checklists

(for self, peer, and adult checks)



My Special Day

I was moving as fast as lightning! It all started when my dad drove us to the theme park. We go every year and it's so much fun! I love it because of the super fast rollercoasters and my loves it because of the



My Favorite Thing



The Talking Unicorn!

An Unexpected Event

Lucy was in serious danger. She was lost in the forest and separated from everyone on the field trip. The forest was dense and only a sliver of sunlight crept through. Her heart began to race, her hands got clammy, and a pit in her stomach. "Where is everyone?" Lucy cried.

All About Japan!



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Wonderful Writer!

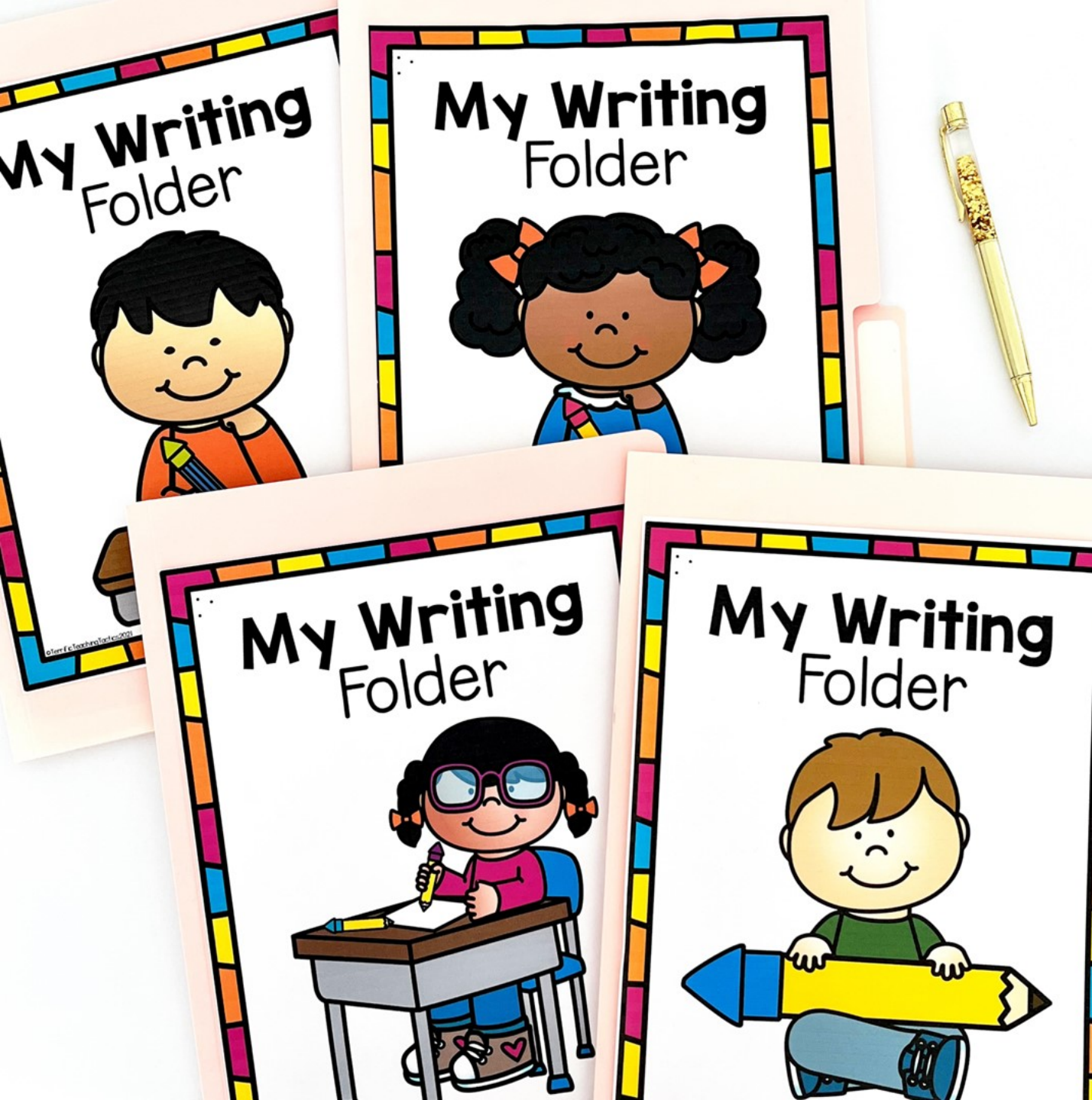


This certificate is awarded to...

Date _____

There are -

- writing prompts
- graphic organizers
- worksheets
- interactive notebooks
- lined pages
- checklists
- crafts
- compliment notes
- certificates
- book/folder covers



Grab this
curriculum
today!