

FSPS Informational Writing Criteria - Grade 1

Writing to Instruct

Writing Criteria: D

Key Skills and Understanding

CC.W.1.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

Informational/Explanatory - Instruct: Writing to instruct explains how to make or do something.

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Ideas/Research

Bases writing on research and prior knowledge

Includes facts and details from research

Gathers and incorporates information from multiple sources

Organization/Text Features

Includes a title that tells what the directions are about

Provides a list of materials

Presents steps in a logical sequence

Supports text with illustrations

Includes a sense of closure

Language Style

Begins each step with an action verb (put, cover, etc.)

Includes time order words (first, then, last)

Note. Adapted from *Explorations in Nonfiction Writing: Grade K* (p. 79), by T. Stead and L. Hoyt, 2011, Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann.

Mentor Text

Mentor Text:

1. <http://www.readandwritewithrebecca.com/Mentor-Texts.html>

Student Exemplars

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1. <http://totallyterrificintexas.blogspot.com/2012/10/how-to-writing.html>
2. <http://vabhighlandoaks.dadeschools.net/write.html>

Lesson Resources

Lesson Plans & Resources:

1. <http://www.d11.org/Instruction/Literacy.LanguageArts/Pages/k-5-Writing-Resources.aspx>
2. <http://pinterest.com/sheleeb/teaching-ela-writing-how-to/>
3. <http://melissa-wade.blogspot.com/2012/04/how-to-writing-1st-day.html>
4. <http://totallyterrificintexas.blogspot.com/2012/10/how-to-writing.html>
5. <http://lasotaslittlearners.blogspot.com/2012/01/how-to-writing.html>

Rubrics:

1. http://www.doe.k12.de.us/aab/English_Language_Arts/writing_rubrics.shtml

Graphic Organizers:

1. <http://lasotaslittlearners.blogspot.com/2012/01/how-to-writing.html>
2. <http://teacherideafactory.blogspot.com/2012/09/common-core-book-study-1st-grade-unit-2.html>

Professional Text:

1. Houston, G. (2004). *How Writing Works*. Boston, MA: Pearson Education, Inc.
2. Owocki, G. (2013). *The Common Core Writing Book*. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann
3. Stead, T. & Hoyt, Linda. (2011). *Explorations in Nonfiction Writing*. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann