



Teaching the Three Modes of Writing in the Elementary English Language Arts Classroom

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Objectives

- Introduce/Review the three modes of writing:
 - **Narrative**
 - **Informative**
 - **Opinion**
- Share possible instructional strategies for each mode
- Review various instructional delivery techniques
- Look at some digital resources

Quickwrite- Your School

1. Narrative - tell a story, real or imagined
2. Informative- provide information
3. Opinion- write your opinion about something and give reasons

Response to Reading

- It is important for us to remember that many of our writing assessments are **primarily responses to reading.**
- Because of this, we need to provide our students with texts of **various mode, length, and subject matter.**
- Having students regularly respond to text with various methods will help build **confidence and stamina.**

Narrative

- Conveys experience real or imagined
- Emphasizes sequence and plot
- Development of character and setting
- In the past, most commonly taught

Narrative Instructional Techniques

- Story Maps
- Focus on beginning, middle, end
- Someone Wanted, But, So, Then...
- Four-Square

What are some other techniques/strategies you use?

Informative

- examines or develops a topic
- incorporates and organizes relevant evidence from the text
- accurately conveys information

Informative Instructional Techniques

- Can, Have, Are
- Four-Square
- ACE (**A**nswer, **C**ite textual evidence, **E**xplain)

What are some other techniques/strategies you use?

Opinion

- Express or clearly state an opinion on a topic
- Provide reasons as support
- Use relevant facts and details for reasons

Opinion Instructional Techniques

- OREO (**O**pinion, **R**eason, **E**xample, **O**pinion)
- Four-Square

What other techniques/strategies do you use?

Instructional Delivery

- **Write Aloud:**
 - Teacher writes in front of class while thinking aloud
 - Morning message
- **Shared/Interactive Writing:**
 - Teacher and students compose jointly with shared pen
- **Guided Writing**
 - Students write with teacher's direction for ideas, instruction, encouragement
 - Journals, literacy workstations, writer's workshop
- **Independent Writing:**
 - Students write their own pieces



Digital Resource

- [Assessment Materials](#)
 - Grade 5 Exemplars/Anchor Sets
 - Grade 5 Writing Rubric



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Digital Resource

- [readwritethink.org](https://www.readwritethink.org)
- activities for writing poetry, letters, or writing cubes



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Digital Resource

- [readworks.org](https://www.readworks.org)
- paired texts with written response options



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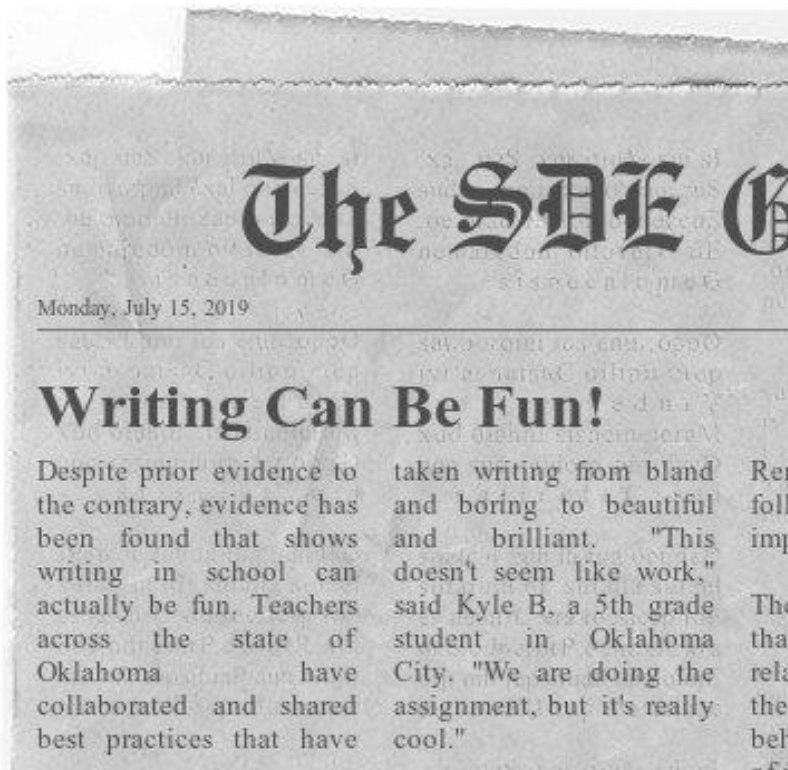
Digital Resource

- [storybird.com](https://www.storybird.com)
- online narrative creator



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- <https://www.fodey.com/generators/newspaper/nippet.asp>
 - newspaper clipping generator



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