

Writing Standard 2 (W/2)

Cycle 2/week 2-4/December 5 – 20

What is the standard: Write informative/explanatory text to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

Introduce a topic, organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make connections and distinctions.

Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

What it means: You will write an essay that presents ideas in an organized and logical way. The ideas you write about will be complete and show us that you've really thought about the topic.

This essay is a pre-assessment, to let Ms. Shilo and Ms. Kat know how comfortable you are with writing an essay. During this unit, you have the opportunity to earn new scores to replace this first-try score. We will work on this same standard again.

Every student must complete level 2.

Level 2

Choose a graphic organizer. Use it to think through your ideas and decide on what you want to include in your essay. The topic of your essay is "What tools do great writers use to ensure that their novels stand above boring ones?" You should consider writing about the tools we've talked about in class.

Every student must choose one of the following assignments. (Remember, the highest score you can earn on a level 3 is a B, and the highest score you can earn on a level 4 is an A.)

Level 3

Using your graphic organizer, write a five paragraph informative essay. It will be graded with a 6-Traits of Writing rubric, which you will receive on Monday and Tuesday. You may write by hand or on a computer. We will only have computers on Monday and Tuesday.

Level 4

Using your graphic organizer, write a five paragraph informative essay. It will be graded with a 6-Traits of Writing rubric, which you will receive on Monday and Tuesday. You may write by hand or on a computer. We will only have computers on Monday and Tuesday.

Include references, such as quotes with citations, to *The Graveyard Book* to support the points that you make in your essay.

Language Standard 2 (L2)

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What is the standard: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

What it means: Use correct capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

Level 2

There are many errors in capitalization, punctuation, or spelling in your essay.

Level 3

There are only a few errors in capitalization, punctuation, or spelling in your essay.

Level 4

There are no errors in capitalization, punctuation, or spelling in your essay.