

6 Trait Mini-Lessons - Voice

Finding Voice:

- All-American Voice p. 156-157 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide for the Primary Grades by Ruth Culham
- Puppet Voice p. 157 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide for the Primary Grades by Ruth Culham
- Voice of the Minute p. 157 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide for the Primary Grades by Ruth Culham
- What Voice Is It? p. 157 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide for the Primary Grades by Ruth Culham
- Music With Voice p. 164-165 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide for the Primary Grades by Ruth Culham

Audience/Matching Voice to Purpose:

- Write to communicate with an audience
- Types of audiences
 - Individuals (principal, teacher, parent, etc.)
 - Groups/organizations (grocery store, Mrs. Smith's 3rd grade classroom)
 - Those that share something in common
- Send Me a Letter p. 159 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide for the Primary Grades by Ruth Culham
- What's in a Mode? p. 160 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide for the Primary Grades by Ruth Culham
- Write It Up! p. 160 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide for the Primary Grades by Ruth Culham
- Learning to Hear Voice in Literature p. 129-131 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide Grades 3 and Up by Ruth Culham
- Greeting Cards With Voice p. 131 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide Grades 3 and Up by Ruth Culham
- Compare and Contrast p. 132 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide Grades 3 and Up by Ruth Culham
- Voice Out, Voice In p. 132 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide Grades 3 and Up by Ruth Culham
- New Voices, New Choices p. 132 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide Grades 3 and Up by Ruth Culham

Writing With Attitude:

- Magnify Your Voice p. 161-164 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide for the Primary Grades by Ruth Culham
- Writer's attitude toward the topic
- Choices of Voices p. 164 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide for the Primary Grades by Ruth Culham
- Opposites Attract p. 165 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide for the Primary Grades by Ruth Culham
- Use of feeling/attitude words

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- Using an appropriate tone for the audience/reader
- Let Your Voice be Heard - (www.SmekensEducation.com for poster). Use a poster with faces exemplifying various attitudes/feelings or have your class create one with pictures/clip art. Identify attitudes through a visual and model various attitudes/voice in your writing. Idea by Kristina Smekens
- Voice filled conventions
 - Exclamation points/marks
 - Underlining words for emphasis
 - All capital letters for emphasis
 - Colored lettering for emphasis
 - Ellipses to build suspense (...)

Talk Directly to the Audience

- Introducing Voice with Songs p. 125 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide Grades 3 and Up by Ruth Culham
- Voice in Art p. 126-127 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide Grades 3 and Up by Ruth Culham
- If Voice Were... p. 127 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide Grades 3 and Up by Ruth Culham
- Illustrate the Trait p. 127 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide Grades 3 and Up by Ruth Culham
- Rhetorical questions
- Parenthesis for clarification (I'll let you in on a secret...)
- Emotional appeals
- Anticipating and addressing reader concerns
- Paper Plate/Test Lady Audience - Draw a face on a paper plate to represent an audience (test lady - reader of standardized writing prompts) so students can visualize their audience and write accordingly. Idea by Kristina Smekens

Point of View:

- State your position
- Maintain a consistent point of view
 - Third person
 - Second person
 - First person

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- Character's point of view
- Narrator's point of view
- Inanimate object's point of view
- Acknowledge the opposition's point of view

Taking Risks

- Mailbag p. 133-135 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide Grades 3 and Up by Ruth Culham
- Act it Out p. 136 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide Grades 3 and Up by Ruth Culham
- The Old Switcheroo p. 136 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide Grades 3 and Up by Ruth Culham
- Historically BOLD? p. 136 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide Grades 3 and Up by Ruth Culham
- Shopping List p. 137 6+1 Traits of Writing: the Complete Guide Grades 3 and Up by Ruth Culham