# Grade 1 Writing
## Authors as Mentors

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- A beginning that introduces the piece  
- A middle that tells events in the order that they happened  
- A conclusion that ties the piece together  
We are looking for a beginning that includes characters and setting and helps the reader know what the piece is going to be about. |
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| | We are learning to sequence events. | We are looking for words that show that the story is moving along.  
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- We are looking for changes we made in our writing based on suggestions from others. |
| W1.8     | With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. | Success Criteria:  
- We are looking for information to answer the question from:  
  - Experiences (what we have done before)  
  - Sources (key words and/or short sentences taken from books or websites) |
|          | We are learning to gather information to answer a question about a topic. |  
We are looking for details that tell about: |
| RL.3     | Describe characters, settings, and |  
We are learning to describe the characters, |
| Major Events in a Story, Using Key Details. | Settings, and Major Events in a Story. | Who is in the Story (Characters)  
| Where and/or When the Story Takes Place (Setting)  
| What Happens in the Story (Events) |
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| L.2 Demonstrate Command of the Conventions of Standard English Capitalization, Punctuation, and Spelling When Writing.  
   a. Capitalize Dates and Names of People.  
   b. Use End Punctuation for Sentences.  
   c. Use Commas in Dates and to Separate Single Words in a Series.  
   d. Use Conventional Spelling for Words with Common Spelling Patterns and for Frequently Occurring Irregular Words.  
   e. Spell Untaught Words Phonetically, Drawing on Phonemic Awareness and Spelling Conventions. | We Are Learning to Use Conventions in Our Writing.  
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   - Correct Spelling for Words with Patterns We Know or Words We Often Use  
   - Spelling of Words We Don’t Know Using Sounds We Hear | We Are Looking for Words and Phrases That:  
   - Make Us Feel an Emotion  
   - Help Us Make a Picture in Our Mind |
| RL.4 Identify Words and Phrases in Stories or Poems That Suggest Feelings or Appeal to the Senses. | We Are Learning to Identify Words and Phrases in the Story or Poem That Create Feelings or Appeal to Our Senses. | We Are Looking for Details in the Illustrations That Tell the Reader More About:  
   - The Characters  
   - Where the Story Takes Place (Setting)  
   - What Is Happening to the Character (Events) |
| RL.7 Use Illustrations and Details in a Story to Describe Its Characters, Setting, or Events. | We Are Learning to Use the Pictures in a Story to Describe Its Characters, Setting, or Events. |  

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| W1.2 Write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure. | We are learning to write an informational piece.  
We are learning to write an introduction.  
We are learning to write about a topic.  
We are learning to write a conclusion. | We are looking for writing that contains:  
  - An introduction  
  - Facts about the topic  
  - A conclusion  
We are looking for a beginning that names the topic.  
We are looking for facts that tell about the topic.  
We are looking for an ending that either:  
  - Shows emotion  
  - Reminds the reader what they learned  
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| W1.7 Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of "how-to" books on a given topic and use them to write a sequence of instructions). | We are learning to work with others to build knowledge about a topic. | We are looking for a way to find information that includes:  
  - Asking questions about a topic  
  - Searching for information to help answer those questions  
  - Writing that tells about what we have learned |
| W1.5 With guidance and support from adults, focus on a topic, respond to questions and suggestions from peers, and add details to strengthen writing as needed. | We are learning to act on feedback in our writing. | We are looking for changes we made in our writing based on suggestions from others. |
| L1.2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.  
  a. Capitalize dates and names of people.  
  b. Use end punctuation for sentences.  
  c. Use commas in dates and to separate single words in a series.  
  d. Use conventional spelling for words with common spelling patterns and for frequently occurring irregular words.  
  e. Spell untaught words phonetically, drawing on phonemic awareness and spelling conventions. | We are learning to use conventions in our writing. | We are looking for:  
  • capitalized dates and names of people  
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  . Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.  
  c. Use singular and plural nouns with matching verbs in basic sentences (e.g., He hops; We hop).  
  d. Use personal, possessive, and indefinite pronouns (e.g., I, me, my; they, them, their; anyone, everything).  
  e. Use verbs to convey a sense of past, present, and future (e.g., Yesterday I walked home; Today I walk home; Tomorrow I will walk home). | We are learning to use conventions in our writing. | We are looking for:  
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<p>| RI.1.7 Use the illustrations and details in a text to describe its key ideas. | We are learning to use pictures and details to describe the key ideas of a text. | We are looking for details in the illustrations and text that tell us more about the topic. |</p>
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<td>d. Distinguish shades of meaning among verbs differing in manner (e.g., look, peek, glance, stare, glare, scowl) and adjectives differing in intensity (e.g., large, gigantic) by defining or choosing them or by acting out the meanings.</td>
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We are looking for:
- small but important differences between words that have similar meanings (toss vs. throw vs. hurl) (whispered vs. said vs. yelled)
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| **W1.1** Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or name the book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply a reason for the opinion, and provide some sense of closure | We are learning to write about our opinions. | We are looking for writing that:  
• Tells what we think or feel about a topic  
• Gives a reason or reasons that support our thinking  
We are learning to support our opinion. We are looking for a reason or reasons that tell why we think or feel the way we do about the topic. |
| | We are learning to write an introduction. | We are looking for a beginning that tells my topic and states my opinion. |
| | We are learning to write a conclusion. | We are looking for an ending that either:  
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<th>We are learning to retell a story. We are learning to name the central message or lesson of a story. We are looking for the big idea(s) that the author wants the reader to understand about life</th>
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