Lesson 6: Prepare to Post

UNIT: Travel to Seoul

TRANSCRIPT

HOOK 1

Hi, writers. It's Anne.

When I'm finishing a piece of writing, I don't get to the end and say okay, all done. I read my writing over and over, looking for any parts I want to change. Sometimes, I write parts over and over trying to get them exactly right.

You're getting ready to share a piece of writing. As a writer, you'll read your writing many times, each time looking for one thing you might want to change.

I have some ideas about how you can make your writing the best it can be. Here is my countdown of ways to get your writing ready to share.

I'll get you started, step by step.

STEP 1

Before we begin, you'll need a piece of writing that you're going to edit and get ready to share. Get the draft you're working on now.

STEP 2

Number 5: Punctuation

Every sentence needs to end with a period, question mark, or exclamation mark.

Discuss: This sentence is actually two sentences. Can you find where the missing period should go?

STEP 3

The period needs to go here between these two sentences.

Now, look through your writing. Check the end of every sentence to make sure it ends with a period, question mark, or exclamation mark. If it doesn't, you can add one.

STEP 4

Number 4: Capitalization

Proper nouns are specific names of people, like me, Ann. Specific names of places, like Chicago. And specific names of events, like the Olympics.

Proper nouns need to be capitalized even in the middle of a sentence.

Discuss: Where is the missing capital letter?

STEP 5

This letter needs to be capitalized since it's a specific name of a place.

Now, look through your writing. Find the proper nouns in your writing and make sure they start with a capital letter, even in the middle of a sentence.

If one is missing, you can change the letter.

Here are some proper nouns you might look for in your writing.

STEP 6

Number 3: Spelling

Discuss: Where is the spelling mistake in this sentence?

STEP 7

This word was spelled incorrectly.

Now get your writing. Use all the spelling strategies you know to help you spell your words. You can also use resources in your classroom to help you if you're not sure how to spell a word. If you see a misspelled word, you can fix your mistake.

STEP 8

Number 2: Check if it sounds right

Discuss: What part of this sentence doesn't sound right? If you want, you can whisper-read the sentence to yourself.

STEP 9

This part doesn't sound right.

Now, read your writing to check to make sure it does sound right. You can read it in your head or whisper-read it to yourself.

If you find a part that doesn't sound right, you can fix your sentence.

STEP 10

Number 1: Recopy your work.

Your teacher will tell you where you'll write your final draft. When you recopy your writing, you might find parts that don't make sense or other parts you want to change. You can make changes as you recopy.

Get the papers you will need to recopy onto, then take your time to make your writing the neatest it can be.

STEP 11

Get your supplies.

STEP 12

Get your first Web Page.

Think of one thing from this destination that you could draw a picture of.

Maybe you want to draw a picture of the whole destination. Or just one part. Or maybe one thing you suggested visitors can do. It's totally up to you.

Write what your picture will be in the caption box below your picture. It's okay if your caption isn't a complete sentence.

STEP 13

Draw your picture in the box. You can add some colors, too.

If you don't get enough time to draw, you can finish later.

STEP 14

Get your second Web Page.

Think of one thing from this destination that you could draw a picture of.

Write what your picture will be in the caption box below your picture. It's okay if your caption isn't a complete sentence.

STEP 15

Draw your picture in the box. You can add some colors, too.

If you don't get enough time to draw, you can finish later.

STEP 16

To build your final web post, stack your papers with your Conclusion on the bottom. Then, both your Web Pages and then your Introduction on the top. Make sure all your pages are lined up at the top.

STEP 17

Staple all your pages together using one staple on the gray box.

WRAP UP

Congratulations, writers! I don't know about you, but when I finish a piece of writing, I feel a huge sense of relief. You did it! You have worked so hard on your writing, and that work really shows.

Think back to everything you've done. You learned about a city far away and gathered notes about three destinations. You used those notes to write two paragraphs. You watched and listened to the sounds of Seoul to craft an exciting introduction. You wrote a conclusion to make your writing memorable.

Finally, you edited your writing and created a final draft with pictures and color. You made a full-length web post about a new city that Tatiana will be thrilled to feature on her website.

All these writing skills you used to create this piece can be used next time you write an informative piece of writing on any subject.

When writers finish a piece of writing, they share it with others. You can share with your classmates, your family, or your community. Your writing will teach others about this amazing city, and it might encourage them to learn even more about it.

Keep on writing, and use your words to take readers on amazing adventures.

I'll see you next time.