Lesson 5: Show off your Script

UNIT: England Expeditions

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.

Brenda does the same thing when she edits a video. The first draft of her video helps her spot things that need fixing. By making these changes her video becomes clearer, more interesting, and easier for people to understand and enjoy.

In the last lesson, you wrote your first draft of your video script, using your outline as a guide. You now have a complete draft that you are ready to revise and edit.

Revision is when writers make changes to their writing, like removing parts of their writing, adding new words or sentences, or changing the order of their writing.

Editing is looking for mistakes, like capitalization, punctuation, or spelling.

Something that can help writers revise and edit is a checklist. When I use my checklist, I read each part of my writing, and I check off each part that I included. If I can't check a box, I'll just check the box later after I make changes or add to my writing. After I have

everything checked off on my checklist, I read it again and sometimes make even more changes.

In today's lesson, you'll use a writing checklist to revise and edit your first draft. Your checklist will help you get started, but you can make other revisions, too, to make your writing exactly how you want it to be.

I'll get you started, step by step.

STEP 1

Get your supplies.

STEP 2

Put your Sources, Notes, and other V.I.P. papers in a neat pile to the side for now. You can use them at any time while you revise.

Put your writing checklist side by side with your draft.

STEP 3

Find the "Introduction" section of your Checklist.

As you read your introduction, you can check off each of the parts in the "Introduction" section. For example, if your introduction has a hook or a greeting, put a check. If it doesn't, leave it blank for now.

Read your introduction and check off each of the parts you already have.

STEP 4

Now you can revise your introduction.

If any of your checkboxes are not checked, you can add those parts to your introduction and check them off. If you want, you can make other changes to make it sound exactly how you want.

Use the lines that you skipped to write your revisions.

STEP 5

Read your first body paragraph. As you read, check off the parts you included in the "Location 1" section of your Checklist.

STEP 6

Revise your "Location 1" paragraph to make sure all the boxes are checked, and make any other changes you would like to make. Remember, you can find more information in your Notes and your Sources, or use your Transition Phrase Bank in your My Sources worksheet.

STEP 7

Take a look at the "Revision Ideas" section of your Checklist worksheet.

You could revise your word choice, add descriptions, or adjust your sentences.

Read the "Revision Ideas" to yourself. When you're done, show a quiet thumbs up.

STEP 8

Pick one revision idea and revise your "Location 1" paragraph using the idea you picked. If you want, you can use more than one.

STEP 9

Nice job! Your revisions are making your writing more clear and making it how you want it to sound.

Now you'll have some time to revise the rest of your script draft.

Remember to use your Checklist and "Revision Ideas" to help you revise your "Location 2" paragraph and conclusion.

Your teacher will tell you how long you have to revise.

STEP 10

Before you move on, do a quick editing check on what you've written. Check to make sure every sentence begins with a capital letter and ends with a period. Check your spelling, and see if there are any missing punctuation.

Your teacher will tell you how long you have to edit your writing.

STEP 11

All of your revisions have made your script exciting, easy to understand, and how you want it to be. Since this is a draft, it may look a little messy right now, and that's okay.

It's now time to write your final draft.

Get your final draft worksheets.

Recopy your draft onto the first and second page. As you write, make sure to use the revision ideas you marked along the way, and take your time to make your writing the neatest it can be.

STEP 12

Get your supplies.

STEP 13

Get your final script cover page.

Turn it over and fold it in half with the edges of the paper lining up, like this.

Press down to make a strong crease.

Flip it over so England Expeditions is on the front.

STEP 14

As the writer of the video, write your name here.

STEP 15

Use your coloring supplies to add color to the cover page of your video script.

STEP 16

Get your final script pages and place them inside the folded cover page, like this.

WRAP UP

You've done a great job, writers! You've gathered information about two amazing places in England. You planned your script with an outline, you made a draft, and revised and edited it. Now your video script is complete. Way to go!

You can use these same writing skills the next time you write an informative piece on any topic. 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 these amazing places and might encourage them to learn even more about them.

Brenda can't wait to read all the great scripts that writers like you have sent her. Soon, she'll be working on her final video and then sharing it with the world by uploading it to our video channel.

Brenda has created a short teaser trailer, which is a preview of the final video. Here's Brenda's teaser trailer for *England Expeditions*.

> Hey, everyone. I'm working on my next expedition video, and I'm really excited to share a preview with you. We're exploring two incredible places in England—London and Cornwall. Both are packed with amazing things to see and do. So make sure to subscribe to catch it when it drops.

Brenda is confident that with your script and her video editing, the final video will be her best one yet. I'll see you next time.