Lesson 5: And the Winner is...

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

Every sentence needs to start with a capital letter.

Discuss: Where is the missing capital letter?

STEP 5

This letter needs to be capitalized, since it's at the start of a new sentence.

Now, look through your writing. Check the start of every sentence to make sure it begins with a capital letter. If it doesn't, you can change the letter.

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, 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.

Writers make sure their writing is nice and neat, in their best handwriting.

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

Today, you'll make your final submission for the birding club. You can make a decorated envelope that lifts to reveal your writing inside.

To get started, get these supplies.

STEP 12

Get your Final Draft first page.

Write the name of your bird on the line at the top. If you want, you can write it in large letters, like this.

STEP 13

Get all your draft pages. Make sure they are in the correct order, with your first page of writing on top, and all your pages in order. Put them in a neat stack on your desk so the pages are all lined up, like this.

STEP 14

Fold all your pages together by lifting the bottom of your pages up until they line up with the two fold lines, like this. Press down to make a strong crease.

STEP 15

Rotate your draft pages so the fold is away from you, like this. Then flip them over on your desk. Double check that the folded part is away from you on your desk.

STEP 16

Carefully fold up the pages from the bottom until you see the fold lines again. Press down to make a fold on the lines.

STEP 17

Get your envelope page. Fold it in half on the line, like this.

STEP 18

Place your envelope page on your desk, like this, and open it up.

Unfold all your draft pages and place them inside your cover. Line up the top of your writing with the crease in the envelope.

Then, pinch each side and use a stapler to put a staple in each of the staple boxes.

STEP 19

Use the fold lines to tuck your writing inside the cover, like this. Now when you open your cover, your writing can fold out and is ready to read.

STEP 20

Use your coloring supplies to decorate the envelope. You can add color to the pictures or add your own.

STEP 21

The birding club will need some time to read and consider all your ideas, but you can still find out which bird won in your class.

Teacher: Count up the number of students who wrote about each bird and announce your class's bird of the year.

WRAP UP

Whether your class picked the amazing weaverbird as your bird of the year, or the fantastic lyrebird, both these birds are amazing choices. If your bird didn't win in your class this year, that's okay. You still created a thoughtful and organized piece of writing that made your bird shine. People at your school and community can read your writing to learn about all the reasons why you picked your bird as the winner. Plus, your writing will help convince others to support your bird in next year's bird of the year contest.

If you liked hearing about these amazing birds, you can go birding in your neighborhood. Next time you're outside on a walk, or at recess, notice what kind of birds live around you. Who knows, maybe one of them will be the next bird of the year!

I'll see you next time.