Lesson 5: Fix it Up!

UNIT: Saving Sea Turtles

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 an 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, 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.

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

Get your supplies.

STEP 12

Watch this whole step before you fold.

Find the thick line near the bottom of your Guidebook just above the sea turtles.

Fold the bottom of your booklet up, lining the edge of the paper with the thick line on both sides.

Then press down. Run your finger along the edge to get a good crease.

Do this for both Guidebook pages.

If you're having trouble, ask a classmate for help.

STEP 13

Unfold your paper and flip it over.

Using the crease you already made, fold on the same line the other way, like this.

Do this on both of your Guidebook pages.

STEP 14

Flip your papers to the front keeping them folded.

Fold your booklet pages in half with the lines on the inside, like this.

Make sure you line up the corners on both sides before you press down.

When you're done, you'll have two mini books.

STEP 15

In the circles on the page, add in page number 1 and page number 2.

On your second worksheet, put in numbers 3 and number 4.

When you're done, put the page with 3 and 4 to the side. You'll use it later.

STEP 16

Get your Guidebooks ready for your new copy.

Take off the paperclips and pull out your first draft pages.

You'll use the same cover for your final copy.

STEP 17

Get your two Guidebook pages.

Put the back of page 2 against the back of page 3.

Make sure they're lined up. Put a paperclip on the bottom of the pages in the middle, like this.

STEP 18

Open your book cover like this.

Fold your Guidebook by the center pages like this.

Slide your Guidebook into the flaps of the book cover you folded.

STEP 19

Close your Guidebook. Secure your Guidebook together by putting paper clips on the front cover and back cover, like this.

WRAP UP

Your writing looks amazing! Readers will find it so easy to read what you have written. With easy-to-read writing, even more people will want to read what you wrote!

Don't forget to put your final draft in a safe place before you go. I'll see you next time.