

Horizons

Penmanship *Cursive*



Student Workbook

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Correct Spacing and Slant:

Cursive

- * When writing in cursive the space between letters can be checked by drawing small ovals.

Draw small ovals between letters.

- * The space between cursive words should be the size of a short backslash.

Draw a short backslash between words.

- * The space between cursive sentences should be a cursive uppercase O.

Draw an uppercase O Between sentences

- * Check the slant by drawing lines through the slant strokes in the letters. They should all be parallel.

Draw lines through the slant strokes to check slant.

Manuscript

- * When writing in manuscript the space between letters varies depending on the letter combinations.

- * The space between manuscript words should be a manuscript uppercase N.

Draw an uppercase N between words.

- * The space between manuscript sentences should be a manuscript uppercase M.

Draw an uppercase M Between sentences.

- * Vertical strokes for manuscript letters should be written without a slant.

Guide Lines:

This year the top and bottom lines will be spaced the same as standard wide-ruled paper. Initially the students will be given a midline and a headline between the guidelines. The students will use $\frac{1}{3}$ of the space between the guidelines for the small letters and $\frac{2}{3}$ of the space for the tall letters. The top $\frac{1}{3}$ will be used for descenders from letters in the line above it. With Lesson 41 the headline will be dropped and at Lesson 81 the midline will be dropped. For the remainder of the year the students will be practicing on lines without the midline or headline. Because the *Skill Builder* sections practice basic strokes and letter formations, the midline and headline will remain in these sections of the lessons throughout the year. When the midlines and headlines are eliminated you may observe some variation in the size of letters that your students choose to write. Some students are naturally small or large writers. Encourage them to stick with the $\frac{1}{3}$ - $\frac{2}{3}$ proportions if at all possible.

Proportions

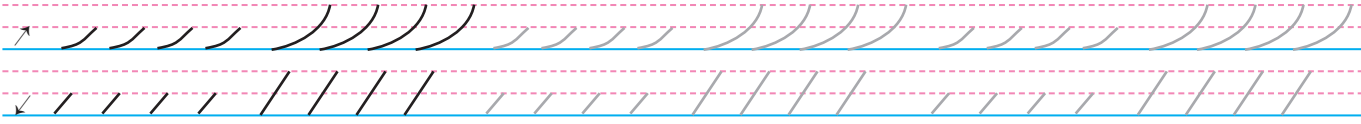
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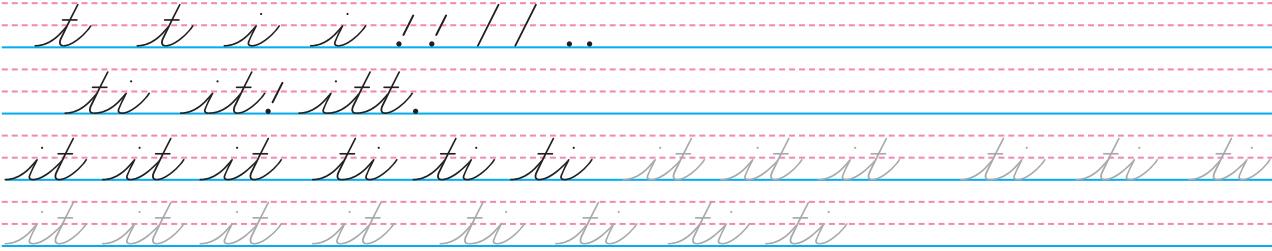
LESSON 2

Name: _____

Review undercurve and slant cursive strokes.



Review undercurve and slant letters.



Trace and write the words on the lines.



dedicated dedicated dedicated dedicated

*proposition proposition
created equal created equal*

engaged engaged

civil war civil war

whether endure whether endure

Use the blank lines to copy and answer the questions in complete sentences.



How many years is four score and seven?

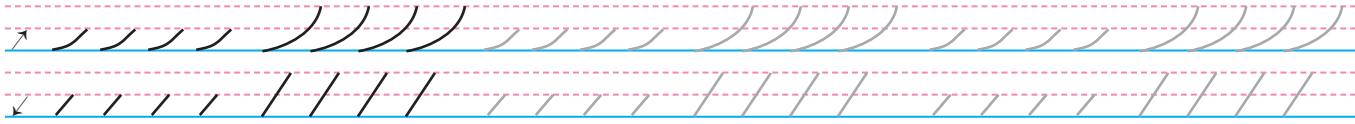
Do the loops on p, q, and g close on the baseline? (Yes, No), my loops on p, q, and g are (not) closed.



LESSON 1

Name: _____

Review undercurve and slant cursive strokes.



Review undercurve and slant letters and joinings.



Trace and write.

Cursive Practice



Gettysburg Address Gettysburg Address

Gettysburg Address

Abraham Lincoln Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln

Four score and seven Four score and seven

Four score and seven

brought forth brought forth

brought forth

continent continent continent

continent

a new nation a new nation

a new nation

conceived in liberty conceived in liberty

conceived in liberty

Answer the self-evaluation question in a complete sentence.



Have you closed the tops of the capital letter A? (Yes, No), my tops on capital letter A are (not) all closed.



LESSON 3

Name: _____

Practice horizontal and vertical strokes.



Use the blank lines to practice writing the sentences in manuscript.

Manuscript Practice 

The Gettysburg Address—Abraham Lincoln

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so dedicated can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war.

Answer the self-evaluation question in a complete sentence.



Are any of the letters missing a part like the stick on a lower case n?



LESSON 4

Name: _____

The Gettysburg Address—Abraham Lincoln—Part 1

Write the document on the lines below.



The Gettysburg Address—Abraham Lincoln

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so dedicated can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war.

Blank handwriting practice lines consisting of multiple sets of blue top and bottom lines with a red dashed midline.

Answer the self evaluation question in a complete sentence.



Have you removed the lesson page from the workbook?

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