

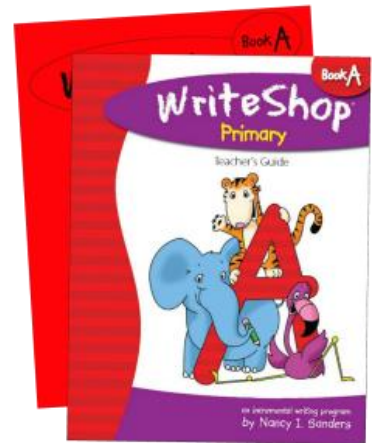
# PLACEMENT GUIDE

## WriteShop Primary Book A

**Target Range: 5- to 7-year olds**

**Start with Book A if your 5- to 7-year-old is not yet able to:**

- Identify beginning, middle, and end in a picture book
- Orally complete predictable sentence starters
- Identify and use periods at the end of a sentence
- Begin a sentence with a capital letter
- Choose an appropriate title
- Think of simple ways to improve a story
- Read and write color words
- Recognize words that rhyme



If your child can do a number of these things already, consider choosing Book B instead.

## WriteShop Primary Book B

**Target Range: 6- to 8-year-olds**

**Start with Book B if your 6- to 8-year-old is not yet able to:**

- Identify or use paragraph form and indentation
- Use graphic organizers to plan a story
- Include a beginning, middle, and end in their story
- Figure out how to add more details to a story
- Organize a story to include a problem and its solution
- Choose story endings
- Write or dictate a friendly letter
- Write or dictate about something that has happened to them
- Retell nursery rhymes and fairy tales in their own words
- Identify the parts of a friendly letter
- Identify words that rhyme
- Use standard spelling tools such as a dictionary



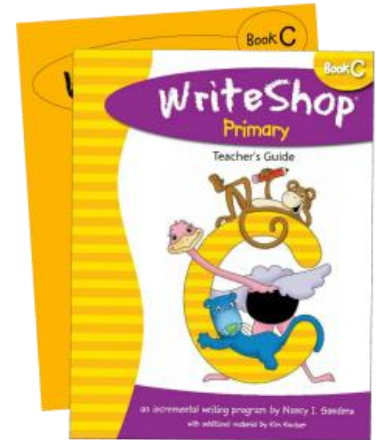
If your child can do a number of these things already, consider choosing [Book C](#) instead.

# WriteShop Primary Book C

**Target Range: 7- to 9-year-olds**

**Start with Book C if your 7- to 9-year-old is not yet able to:**

- Plan the main ingredients of a story before beginning to write
- Ask *who, what, when, where, and why?* in order to add story details
- Organize story details
- Write entries in a personal journal
- Use descriptive words in their writing
- Write a short nonfiction article
- Summarize the contents of familiar books
- Collect research facts about a specific topic
- Write a simple, short report with introduction, body, and closing
- Use standard spelling
- Check their own work for correct spelling and punctuation



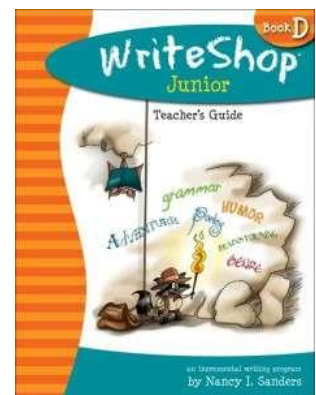
If your child can do a number of these things already, consider choosing [WriteShop Junior Book D](#) instead.

# WriteShop Junior Book D

**Target Range: 8- to 11-year-olds**

**Start with Book D if your 8- to 11-year-old needs to learn how to:**

- Identify and use proper grammar and punctuation
- Identify and correctly use parts of speech
- Narrow a broad topic to a specific topic
- Brainstorm before writing
- Write an adequate sentence
- Write a basic paragraph
- Choose strong words instead of weak ones
- Use editing tools to correct and revise compositions



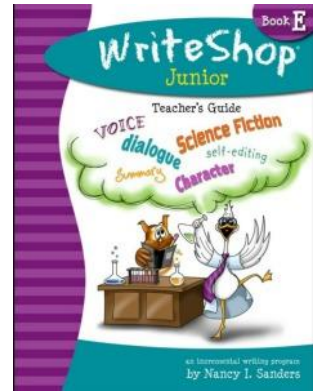
If your child is already somewhat confident in most of these areas, consider choosing [Book E](#) instead.

# WriteShop Junior Book E

Target Range: 9- to 12-year olds

Start with Book E if your 9- to 12-year-old needs to learn how to:

- Choose a point of view
- Develop the middle of the story to make it interesting
- Develop voice and show emotion in their writing
- Vary sentence length
- Write a book summary
- Write an expository nonfiction report
- Write a 5-paragraph composition



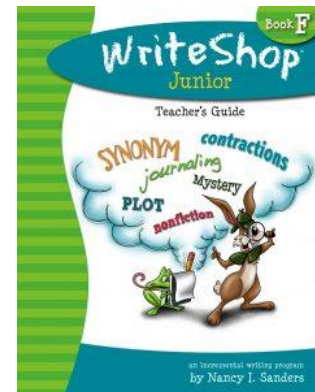
If the [younger artwork](#) will bother a more mature 11- or 12-year-old, consider choosing **Book F** or [WriteShop I](#) instead.

# WriteShop Junior Book F

Target Range: 10- to 13-year olds

Start with Book F if your 10- to 13-year-old needs to learn or review how to:

- Narrow a broad topic to a specific topic
- Use graphic organizers to plan a story or report
- Strengthen paragraph development
- Improve sentence length
- Describe characters, setting, and plot with vivid language
- Use dialogue to show, not tell
- Write a 5-paragraph composition
- Write a research-based report



Most 12- or 13-year-olds can comfortably use [WriteShop I](#) instead. Book F can be a good fit for these older students if they would still benefit from hands-on activities. Otherwise, choose WriteShop I.

# WriteShop I

Target range: 12- to 15-year-olds

Start with WriteShop I if your teen needs to learn how to:

- Generally hone writing skills
- Narrow a broad topic to a specific topic
- Brainstorm before writing
- Develop stronger, well-constructed sentences
- Write a strong paragraph
- Choose concrete words over vague, weak ones
- Improve use of punctuation
- Identify and correctly use parts of speech in writing
- Use more mature and varied sentences in writing
- Write with more detail and description
- Write to explain
- Correctly use voice and tense in narrative writing
- Understand omniscience and limited omniscience in narrative writing
- Improve self-editing techniques to correct and revise compositions

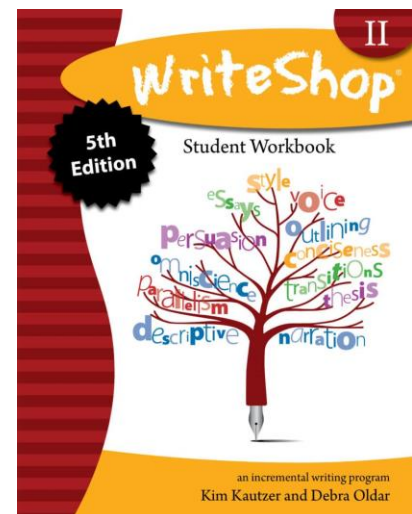


If your older teen is already experienced and confident in these areas, consider [WriteShop II](#) instead.

# WriteShop II

Target Range: 13- to 17-year-olds

WriteShop II is a continuation of WriteShop I, so students who have successfully completed WriteShop I can move right into WriteShop II. WriteShop II is a good option for 15-17-year-olds who have a solid foundation in paragraph writing and experience with descriptive, informative, and narrative writing.



**Start with WriteShop II if your teen needs to learn how to:**

- Write a basic but solid 5-paragraph essay in which they adequately develop several main points with details, facts, examples, and logic
- Write an effective timed essay in 30 minutes
- Experience writing different kinds of essays: *opinion essays*, *compare/contrast essays*, and *essays that describe or define*
- Use descriptive narration
- Use narrative voice and different points of view in their writing
- Understand propaganda in writing
- Write to persuade
- Improve use of writing vocabulary
- Improve content and build more complex sentences
- Use parallel sentence construction
- Write more concisely
- Use appositives, participial phrases, subordinating conjunctions, and other parts of speech to develop well-structured, mature-sounding sentences

Older teens who are already skilled and confident in these areas may not need WriteShop.