

These topics could be taught as mini-lessons. You may spend more than one day on a topic and revisit them as needed throughout the year.

- Cracking open general words
- Crafting a lead
- Crafting a title
- Creating a dramatic scene
- Stretching a moment
- Zooming in
- Describing a character
- Describing a setting
- Endings: emotional, surprise, circular
- Using sensory details
- Using stronger verbs
- Varying lengths of sentences
- Writing with voice
- Using similes and metaphors
- Using personification
- Using a repeating line
- See-saw structure
- Circular structure
- Flashbacks
- How authors use punctuation
- To show, not tell
- Out of place adjectives
- Items in a series
- Use of sound words



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