

# GR 6 Schoolwide Unit 01 (How Writers Work)

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## Unit Overview

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Unit Title: Nonfiction: How Writers Work

Essential Question: What are the rituals, routines, and resources of writing workshop?

## Standards

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### Language Domain

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ELA.L.SS.6.1	Demonstrate command of the system and structure of the English language when writing or speaking.
ELA.L.SS.6.1.A	Ensure that pronouns are in the proper case (subjective, objective, possessive).
ELA.L.SS.6.1.B	Use intensive pronouns (e.g., myself, ourselves).
ELA.L.SS.6.1.C	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in pronoun number and person.
ELA.L.SS.6.1.D	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
ELA.L.SS.6.1.E	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive and parenthetical elements.
ELA.L.SS.6.1.F	Recognize spelling conventions.
ELA.L.KL.6.2	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
ELA.L.KL.6.2.A	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases.
ELA.L.KL.6.2.B	Gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
ELA.L.KL.6.2.C	Vary sentence patterns for meaning (syntax), reader/listener interest, and style/voice.
ELA.L.KL.6.2.D	Maintain consistency in style and tone.
ELA.L.VL.6.3	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, including technical meanings, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
ELA.L.VL.6.3.A	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
ELA.L.VL.6.3.B	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings.

ELA.L.VI.6.4	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
ELA.L.VI.6.4.A	Interpret figures of speech (e.g., personification) in context.
ELA.L.VI.6.4.B	Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category) to better understand each of the words.
ELA.L.VI.6.4.C	Analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
ELA.L.VI.6.4.D	Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., stingy, scrimping, economical, un wasteful, thrifty).

## Speaking and Listening

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## Writing

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ELA.W.IW.6.2	Write informative/explanatory texts (including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes) to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
ELA.W.IW.6.2.A	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information, using text structures (e.g., definition, classification, comparison/contrast, cause/effect, etc.) and text features (e.g., headings, graphics, and multimedia) when useful to aid in comprehension.
ELA.W.IW.6.2.B	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
ELA.W.IW.6.2.C	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
ELA.W.IW.6.2.D	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
ELA.W.IW.6.2.E	Acknowledge and attempt a formal/academic style, approach, and form.
ELA.W.NW.6.3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
ELA.W.NW.6.3.A	Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.
ELA.W.NW.6.3.B	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, and description, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
ELA.W.NW.6.3.C	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
ELA.W.NW.6.3.D	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.
ELA.W.NW.6.3.E	Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.
ELA.W.WP.6.4	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning; flexibly making editing and revision choices; sustaining effort to fit composition needs and purposes; and attempting to address purpose and audience.
ELA.W.WR.6.5	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
ELA.W.SE.6.6	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding

	plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
ELA.W.RW.6.7	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, metacognition/self-correction, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
ELA.SL.PE.6.1	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
ELA.SL.PE.6.1.A	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
ELA.SL.PE.6.1.B	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
ELA.SL.PE.6.1.C	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
ELA.SL.PE.6.1.D	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
ELA.SL.II.6.2	Interpret information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how it contributes to a topic, text, or issue under study.
ELA.SL.ES.6.3	Deconstruct a speaker's argument and specific claims, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not.
ELA.SL.PI.6.4	Present claims and findings, sequencing ideas logically and using pertinent descriptions, facts, and details to accentuate main ideas or themes; use appropriate speaking behaviors (e.g., eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation).
ELA.SL.UM.6.5	Include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, images, music, sound) and visual displays in presentations to clarify information.
ELA.SL.AS.6.6	Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.

## **Materials/Activities/Resources**

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### **Core materials:**

- Schoolwide Writing
- Mentor Texts
- Writer's Notebooks

### **Web Site Resources:**

- Schoolwide Writing
- Lexia
- Amira (K-3)

## **Technology**

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CS.6-8.8.1.8.AP.6	Refine a solution that meets users' needs by incorporating feedback from team members and users.
CS.6-8.8.1.8.CS.1	Recommend improvements to computing devices in order to improve the ways users interact with the devices.
CS.6-8.8.1.8.CS.4	Systematically apply troubleshooting strategies to identify and resolve hardware and software problems in computing systems.
CS.6-8.8.1.8.DA.1	Organize and transform data collected using computational tools to make it usable for a specific purpose.
CS.6-8.8.1.8.DA.3	Identify the appropriate tool to access data based on its file format.

## **Assessment**

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### **Formative Assessment**

- Teacher Observation
- Peer Editing
- Shared Writing
- Writer's Notebook
- Graphic Organizers / Student Forms
- Daily Lesson Checks and Correct & Redirect Opportunities in the Teacher's Guide
- Student Performance Checklist

### **Summative Assessment**

- Process Pieces
- Schoolwide Rubrics
- Student Publishing
- Student Self-Reflection

## **Accommodations & Modifications**

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### **Special Education**

- In class/pull out support with special ed teacher
- Additional time during intervention time
- Preferred seating
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support
- Scribe
- Mixed Ability Grouping

### **504**

- In class/pull out support with special ed teacher
- Additional time during intervention time
- Preferred seating
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers

- Vocabulary support
- Scribe
- Mixed Ability Grouping

## **ELL**

- Translation device/dictionary
- In class/pull out support with ESL teacher
- Additional time during intervention time
- Preferred seating
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support

### **At-Risk of Failure**

- Additional time during intervention time
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support

## **Gifted & Talented**

- Independent projects
- PEP/GEM class

## **Interdisciplinary Connections**

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HE.6-8.2.1.8.EH.2	Analyze how personal attributes, resiliency, and protective factors support mental and emotional health.
TECH.8.1.8.C.CS2	Communicate information and ideas to multiple audiences using a variety of media and formats.
TECH.8.1.8.D.CS1	Advocate and practice safe, legal, and responsible use of information and technology.

## **Social and Emotional Learning Connections**

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Learning Mindset: Self-Reflection, Problem Solving, Noticing, Seeking Challenges, Purpose, Growth Mindset

## **Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills**

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WRK.9.2.8.CAP.12

Assess personal strengths, talents, values, and interests to appropriate jobs and careers to maximize career potential.

WRK.9.2.8.CAP.16

Research different ways workers/employees improve their earning power through education and the acquisition of new knowledge and skills.

## **Career Ready Practices**

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- CRP1. Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.
- CRP2. Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.
- CRP4. Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason
- CRP5. Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.
- CRP6. Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
- CRP11. Use technology to enhance productivity.