



Unit: 2 Benchmark Writers Workshop	Realistic Fiction
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essential skills and content

Overview	4-6-week Pacing Guide (may be found in Benchmark Writing Unit)	
Essential Questions	How can I identify features of a realistic fiction story? How can I identify problems and solutions in a story? How can I use first and third person voice in a story? How can I create a strong ending in a realistic fiction story? How can I use dialogue to bring a story to life?	
Learning Targets		
Content/Skills	Genre Knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Features of a Realistic Fiction Story Text Structure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problem and Solution (W.3.1a) Process Writing (W.3.5) Author’s Craft <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voice: First & Third Person Narrative Voice (L.3.3) • Sentence Structure: Sentences that begin with and or but (W.3.2c) • Word Choice: Dialogue (W.3.3b) Grammar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverbs for How, When, Where and How Often (L.3.1a) • Objective Pronouns (L.3.1a) Conventions	Additional lessons are needed for supporting dialogue. Literature for teaching dialogue: <u>Cat Secrets</u> by Jef Czekaj (300L)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dialogue (W.3.3b) 	<u>One Cool Friend</u> by Toni Buzzeo (620L) <u>Crankee Doodle</u> by Tom Angleberger (710L)

 **balanced assessment**

COMPONENT	REQUIRED	SUGGESTED
Formative Assessment	Narrative Informative, nonfiction topic Persuasive	Pre-Assessment of Realistic Writing for Baseline Data
Summative Assessment		Published Piece (use rubric for scoring Teachers Guide pg. 61) (W.3.4)
District-Wide Common Assessment		

 **learning experiences**

COMPONENT	REQUIRED	SUGGESTED
Suggested Resources/ Learning Experiences	Benchmark Writing	
Content Literacy		Literature: <u>Thunder Cake</u> by Patricia Polacco (630L) <u>Song and Dance Man</u> by Karen Ackerman (780L) <u>A Days Work</u> by Eve Bunting (510L) <u>I Want to Be Free</u> by Joseph Slate (150L)

COMPONENT	REQUIRED	SUGGESTED
Technology / Media		
Differentiation / Intervention		Writers Workshop

 content-specific components		
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