

miVisión Lectura © 2020 Texas Teaching Writing Workshop

Get Started



Hi, teachers! It's me again, Tracy.

Ready to get Writing Workshop going in your classroom? I'll spend the next few minutes walking you through the minilessons and helping you plan and prep for Writing Workshop.



Planning Time



One of my favorite things about Writing Workshop is that it's flexible and easy to plan.

Do you want to choose your own lessons and mentor texts? Or do you want to follow a suggested plan each week? Or maybe you'd like to try a combination of the two plans. Whatever you need, you're covered. Take a minute to explore your options.



I Need Flexibility

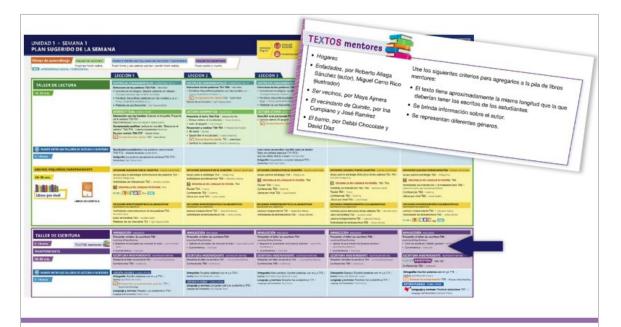


Do you have a lot of experience with Writing Workshop and already know the mentor texts you want to use? Or, do you have a district plan that you need to follow? Maybe you just like to have options! Check out the Week at a Glance and Writing Workshop Weekly Overview. Here you'll see the Minilesson Bank and the suggested criteria for your mentor stack. You know your students best so choose the minilessons and mentor texts that will work for your class. Don't forget about the two additional minilessons on Savvas Realize™!

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I Need Structure



Maybe you are new to Writing Workshop and you want to follow the predeveloped plan. The Suggested Weekly Plan outlines the minilessons you'll teach each week. The Writing Workshop Weekly Overview suggests specific texts and criteria you should use to build your mentor stack. You'll even find conference prompts on your planning pages for the week.



I Need Both Flexibility and Structure



Maybe you want to know what the suggested plan is, but you need the freedom to make it your own. Check out the Editable Lesson Planner. You'll find all the minilessons included on the Suggested Weekly Plan, but you can customize the planner to fit your needs. Feel free to add in titles of your mentor texts or create your own minilessons. Make it your own!



Building Mentor Stacks



Students need to read like writers so that they can develop mental models of different genres.

You'll gather a mentor stack for each Writing Workshop unit. The stack will be a collection of mentor texts that you and your students will use throughout the unit.

miVisión Lectura provides options and support to help you build your stacks.

You'll find a list of suggested titles in your Weekly Overview. Many of the trade books and periodicals will probably look familiar!

Don't have these exact texts? Just follow the criteria to build your stack. Select texts from your classroom or school library; you can even write your own. Remember to save your students' work. Student writing assignments that meet the criteria make powerful mentor texts!



Teaching Minilessons



You've seen the Minilesson Bank so let's dig into the minilessons.

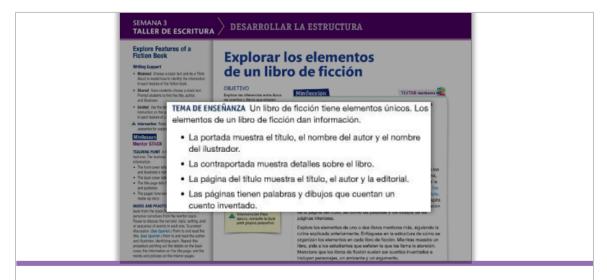
Each week has a focus to guide the instruction.

Likewise, each minilesson has a focus. And keep in mind they all follow a similar routine so you and your students will know what to expect each time.

Next, let's learn more about the minilesson structure.



Teaching Point



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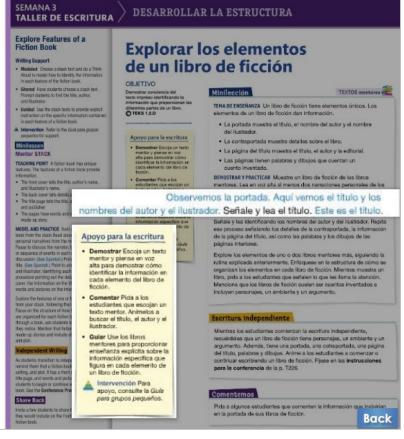
This section identifies the focus of the minilesson. The Teaching Point clearly explains what your students will learn. Use this to help you decide on your mentor text for the minilesson and to introduce and help students understand the purpose or focus of their learning.



Model and Practice

Demostrar y practicar

This part is the heart of your teaching time. You'll model using a mentor text from the stack. Each minilesson includes specific suggestions for what and how to model. You'll even find suggested language to use with your students if you need it. Check out the support for Modeled, Shared, and Guided writing suggestions. Incorporate these suggestions as needed.

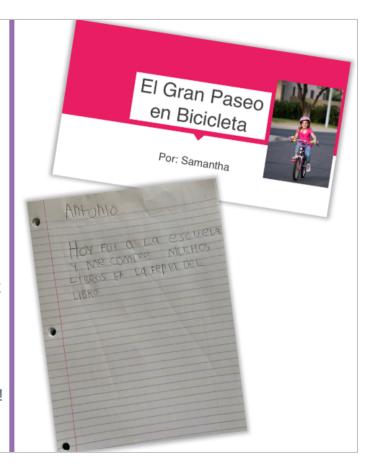




Independent Writing

Escritura independiente

It's so important for students to write daily, so you'll find Independent Writing time in each minilesson. Encourage students to revisit mentor texts as needed during this time. Give students the power to be authors and create their own print or digital books. Provide blank booklets or writing notebooks for students' writing pieces. You can even teach them how to make their own books or use digital storytelling tools!

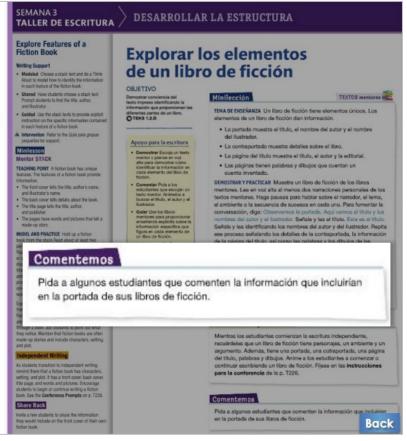




Share Back

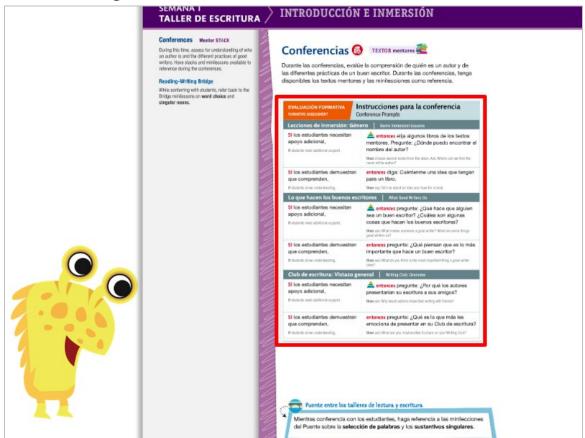
Comentemos

Students often make the best teachers. Give them the chance to share their aha moments and discoveries during Share Back time at the end of each minilesson. Students will learn from each other's experiences and build confidence through teaching others.





Conferencing



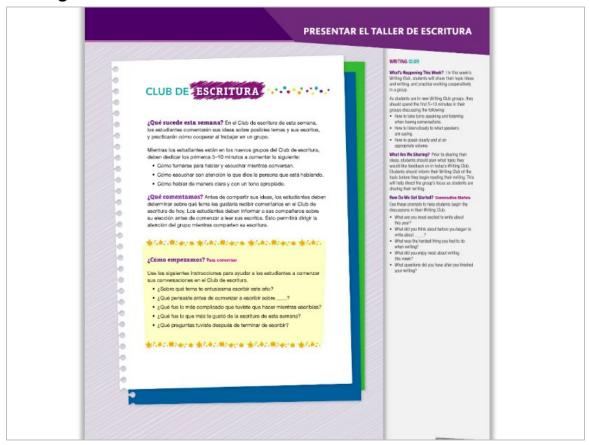
Conferencing is critical, but it can be daunting.

Good news! You'll find Conference Prompts and formative assessment suggestions each week that match your instruction.

No need to try to come up with questions and topics on the spot—this part has already been done for you!



Writing Club



One last tip before we finish up. You can help build students' love of writing with Writing Club!

Three to four times each unit you'll notice Writing Club.

Students will have time to meet with peers and share their writing. They'll practice speaking and listening, learn to give each other helpful feedback, and work on social-emotional skills like building relationships.

Students practice important skills while working with their friends. It's a win-win!



Wrap-Up



Time to wrap up! You're now ready to plan and teach Writing Workshop.