

Writing Words to Work With

Genre/Form – a type or category of writing, such as biography, science fiction, poetry, essay, reviews, mysteries, articles, fables, etc.

Text Type – four basic aspects of writing that are used in various forms for a variety of purposes (These are: Narrative, Informative/Expository, Argumentative/Opinion, and Descriptive.)

Purpose – the rationale for why writing is done. Writing may have more than one purpose. (For example, the purpose of narrative writing is to tell a story; the purpose of informational text is to inform readers on a topic; the purpose of argument writing is to persuade or to take a stance on a topic.)

Audience – group of listeners or readers

Structure – organization or arrangement of connected ideas (For example, the structure of *Crow Call* by Lois Lowry is a sequential or story structure.)

Conventions – generally accepted rules for standard English grammar and usage (includes spelling, grammar, punctuation)

Effective Technique – use of strategies, such as sensory language, dialogue, and descriptive details that enhance the message

Author's Message – the theme, or take-away from the writing (For example, in *Jackie's Nine* the themes include, courage, citizenship, and persistence.)

Note: *These are just some of the writing words that will be used in writing workshop. Keep adding to your class terminology as you move through your units of study.*