

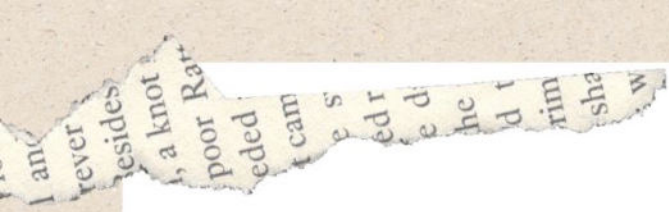
50 MINUTE BLOCK SAMPLE



MINUTES	ACTIVITY
5	Students complete three-a-day warm up
5	Discuss warm up answers
5	Students leaders introduce workshop
7	Teacher: direct instruction on a writing skill
7-15	Students write non-stop
5	Students share out in trios
5	Teacher reveals diamond writer of the day

NOTES

Start off with **7 minutes** of writing, then add a minute each week or two until they build stamina. While they are writing, quietly (but also loud enough for others to hear) compliment students on **experimentation**. Keep an eye out for **amazing hooks**. I keep a document with student hooks to share out during the year. Maybe have a **Hook Hall of Fame!**



THE STRUCTURED WRITER'S WORKSHOP

SAMPLE UNIT *Planner*



Sample Year Plan

At-a-Glance

SEMESTER ONE

	READING	WRITING
UNIT 1	Fables & short stories	Write a fable from POV of an animal
UNIT 2	NOVEL STUDY: The Wonderful Wizard of Oz	Lit analysis essay: compare/contrast the book to the movie
UNIT 3	Informational articles on Commonlit	Informative Essay

SEMESTER TWO

	READING	WRITING
UNIT 4	Speeches, pro/con articles, argument articles	Argumentative Essay
UNIT 5	Memoirs, poetry, short stories	Narrative Essay
UNIT 6	Slam poetry, high-interest short stories	Choice project and presentation