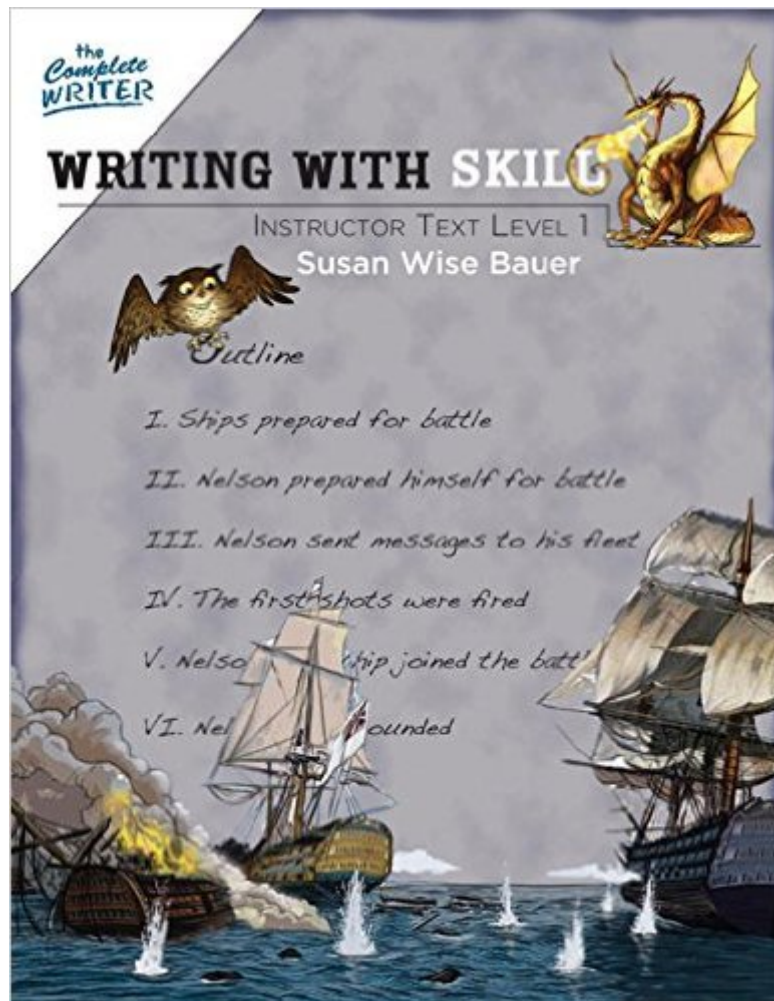


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# Writing With Skill, Level 1: Instructor Text (The Complete Writer)



## Synopsis

Traditional principles. Contemporary methods. Unparalleled results. This groundbreaking new writing series combines time-tested classical techniques—the imitation and analysis of great writers—with original composition exercises in history, science, biography, and literature.

**Skills Taught:**

- One- and two-level outlining
- Writing chronological narratives, biographical sketches, descriptions, and sequences across the curriculum
- Constructing basic literary essays on fiction and poetry
- Researching and documenting source material

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**Features of the program:**

- Writing assignments are modeled on examples from great literature and classic nonfiction
- All source material for assignments is provided—no other books are needed
- This Instructor Text provides scripted dialogue to use when the student has difficulty, plus detailed guidance on how to evaluate the student's work
- Student Workbook (sold separately) encourages independence by directing all assignments to the student

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## Customer Reviews

My seventh-grader has been using this program for six weeks now. It is by far the best writing program I have ever seen for middle grades. The instruction in the student text is specific, well-designed, and so wonderfully clear. Assignments are high-interest, at least for my kid, and build

on previous assignments, but are not so lengthy as to be overwhelming. My son says that WWS is the best program he has ever used and that the writing instruction "just makes sense."

We've done the entire Writing with Ease series in our home school. When I discovered the Writing with Skill books, I was thrilled! Mrs. Bauer's writing program starts (in the first Writing with Ease) with having a first grader copy a sentence. This Writing with Skill book (for the fifth or sixth grader) leads them to the point of doing their own narration, composition, beginning literary criticism, and a final research project. We haven't started school yet this year, but I'm excited, knowing there's such a fun and instructive writing program in place. My daughter loves to write but really needs the structure and information this curriculum provides. Thank you, Susan Wise Bauer!

I am a homeschool mom and wondered if I would need the teacher's book. Yes! Buy it. It is extremely helpful. My daughter's writing has improved with the use of this curriculum.

We are half way through our year using WWS 1 and I really do think it has to be one of the best writing programs out there for 5-6th graders (or even older than that). I did realize about 3-4 weeks in that I cannot simply just hand this to my son, however, and expect great results. It is written to the student, but I decided it was best for us to talk about the assignment--especially when it was time to practice the topics. Also, sometimes we do a little more research than what is there so that he has a better understanding what he's writing about. I would say my son is a natural writer, and I might save this for 6th grade for my younger son for whom writing doesn't come quite so easily. I would also say that I feel like this is a fairly challenging program for a 5th grader.

I am greatly pleased with this curriculum! Susan Bauer has once again impressed me. The only thing about the teacher guide that you need to know is this, you do not get to see the passages that your child is reading which makes it hard to know what your child is seeing unless you have them read aloud or read the passage before hand. Other than that the guide helps you help your child by instructing you on ways to help your child relate to the work giving. It is very easy to follow and let's you know what you should be doing on a daily basis.

Great writing program. It helps both teacher and student to follow. Highly recommend for busy homeschool mom who does not have time to prepare for lesson!

This is a must if you are using the program. The author gives you detailed questions to help you guide your student and writes examples of what your student's finish project should resemble.

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