

# Writing Development: Basics of English Composition

Common Core State Initiative of English Language Arts Standards

How to Write Arguments on Specific Content	Develop a Topic with Relevant facts, Definitions, Concrete Details, Quotations, or Other Examples	Draw Evidence from Informational Texts to Support Analysis	Conduct Research to Answer a Question	How to Organize Evidence Logically
How to Use Precise Language & Vocabulary to Inform About or Explain the Topic	How to Write Informative/ Explanatory Texts	Demonstrate Command of the Conventions of Standard English Capitalization, Punctuation, & Spelling When Writing	Determine the Meaning of Words & Phrases as They Are Used in a Text	Provide a Concluding Statement that Follows & Supports the Argument Presented
Produce Clear & Coherent Writing	Introduce Claim(s) About a Topic or Issue	Use Words, Phrases, & Clauses to Create Cohesion & Clarify the Relationships Among Claim(s)	How to Establish & Maintain a Formal Style	Acknowledge & Distinguish the Claim(s) From Alternate or Opposing Claims
How to Cite textual Evidence to Support Analysis of What the Text Says Explicitly & Inferences Drawn From the Text	How to Determine a Theme or Central Idea of a Text	Analyze How an Author Develops & Contrasts the Points of View of Different Characters or Narrators in a Text	Compare & Contrast Texts in Different Forms or Genres in Terms of Their Approaches to Similar Themes & Topics	

# Writing Skills: Grammar Rules for Writing and Speaking

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Ensure Subject-Verb & Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement	Produce Complete Sentences	How to Recognize & Correct Inappropriate Fragments & Run-Ons	Correctly Use Frequently Confused Words (e.g., to/too/two; there/their)	Vary Sentence Patterns For Meaning, Reader/Listener Interest & Style
Choose Language that Expresses	Recognize & Eliminate	Recognize & Correct Inappropriate Shifts In	Recognize & Correct Inappropriate Shifts	

Ideas Precisely & Concisely	Wordiness & Redundancy	Pronoun Number & Person	In Verb Voice & Mood	Recognize & Correct Vague Pronouns
Recognize & Correct Inappropriate Shifts In Verb Tense	How to Choose Punctuation For Effect	Use Punctuation to Separate Items In a Series	How to Choose Words & Phrases For Effect	

## Academic Skills Development

Time Management & Goal Setting Skills	Effective Study Techniques	Effective Listening & Note Taking Skills	Basic Research Skills for Student Success	Academic Presentations & Using PowerPoint
Organizational Skills for Student Success	Exam Taking Strategies & Relieving Test Taking Anxiety	Balancing Academics with Extra-Curricular Activities	Memorization Skills: Learn to Remember, Remember to Learn!	Effective Reading Skills for Student Success

## Pre-Algebra & Algebra 1

Common Core State Initiative of Mathematics Standards

Understand Ratio Concepts & Use Ratio Reasoning to Solve Problems	Find a Percent of a Quantity as a Rate per 100	Solve Problems Involving Finding the Whole, Given a Part & the Percent	Use Ratio Reasoning to Convert Measurement Units	Apply & Extend Previous Understandings of Multiplication & Division
Compute Fluently with Multi-Digit Numbers & Find Common Factors & Multiples	Understand Positive & Negative Numbers	Understand the Absolute Value of Rational Numbers	Solve Real-World & Mathematical Problems by Graphing Points on a Coordinate Plane	Write, Read, & Evaluate Expressions in Which Letters Stand for Numbers
Apply the Properties of Operations to Generate Equivalent Expressions	How to Solve One-Variable Equations & Inequalities	Solve Real-Life & Mathematical Problems Using Numerical & Algebraic Expressions & Equations	Solve Real-World & Mathematical Problems Involving Area, Surface Area, & Volume	Develop Understanding of Statistical Variability