

5th Grade Toolbox

This is your guide to help you improve your writing. In this package, you will find many useful writing strategies and hints. The tool box **MUST** be kept part of your binder at all times. Remember, a writer's work is never done. There is always room for revision.



Narrative and Expository Text Differences

Narrative Text

Writing that tells a story

- children’s picture books
- fairy tales
- short stories
- novels
- fables
- myths and legends
- anecdotes

Narrative Elements

- setting
- characters
- problems
- attempts to resolve the problems
- resolution
- theme or moral

Expository Text

Writing that informs

- paragraphs
- essays
- textbook chapters
- editorials
- articles
- reports
- manuals

Expository Elements

- definition
- description
- time sequence
- problem-solution
- comparison
- contrast
- cause-effect
- listing
- process
- categorization

Telling a Story	Giving Information
Beginning Middle End Includes: setting, character, plot, conflict climax, and resolution	Introduction Body Conclusion Includes: topic sentence, reason/detail/fact, transitions, elaboration, closing

Binder Criteria

- All units/chapters must be with a unit cover that displays a title and an appropriate, neat colored illustration
- Each unit/chapter must have a Table of Contents listing the assignment headings and assignment numbers
- Your binder must be in sequential order where your latest assignment is your last assignment
- All assignments must be complete or have a voided homework pass
- All questions to be answered in your binder must be written out first with your response to follow in a full sentence
- Your binder must be legible and neat
- To receive a grade of “4” on your binder you must meet the above criteria and also include at least one extra credit assignment

Poster Project Criteria

- Ideas/Content must include accurate information
- Posters must be properly headed and include a clear title
- Posters must have correct spelling
- Posters need to include pictures and graphics, borders, and color to enhance information

Poster Rubric

	1	2	3	4
Content	Few or inaccurate facts	Some facts with limited details	Numerous facts	Contains numerous facts with interesting details
Pictures and Graphics	No pictures or graphics	Few pictures, may not relate to information	Several pictures that relate to information	Extensive use of pictures to enhance information
Organization	The poster is a series of random images and captions or labels	The poster is organized clearly	The poster is organized logically and coherently	The poster is organized logically and displays a sense of unity
Overall Visual Effect	The poster is distractingly messy or very poorly designed	The poster is acceptably attractive though it may be a bit messy	The poster is attractive in terms of design, layout and neatness	The poster is exceptionally attractive in terms of design, layout, and neatness