

PLATO[®] Advanced Writing Process and Practice

Grade Level: 10–12
Target Audience: High School
Audio Support: Yes

Product Features

- 39 discrete learning objectives
- Two courses: Writing Strategies and Grammar & Mechanics
- Offline activities for the Writing Strategies components
- Rubrics to evaluate writing
- Real life scenarios and sources of information
- Tutorials, applications, mastery tests, and offline activities
- Audio support in the tutorial
- Interactive glossary and notebook

Product Benefits

- Follows NCTE and McREL guidelines
- Demonstrates writing strategies using a “think aloud” approach
- Teaches students to write for different audiences and purposes
- Teaches conventions of written language that aid communication
- Promotes critical thinking
- Develops confidence in writing
- Helps learner meet high-stakes test requirements and prepare for college writing

Online Tools

Notebook—allows learner to type, save, and print notes

Glossary—provides definitions of terms (Grammar & Mechanics only)

Menu Icons

Jump—allows learner to move to the following components: objective, study, practice, and certificate (Grammar & Mechanics)

Jump—allows learner to move to the following components: writer, objective, study, strategy, map, and certificate (Writing Strategies)

Transcript—allows learner to view and listen to a transcript read by a narrator.

Refresh—allows learner to refresh the screen

Help—allows learner to choose to play audio automatically or to repeat the module

Audio—allows learner to turn audio off and on

Left arrow—allows learner to return to the previous screen

Right arrow—allows learner to proceed to the next screen

Exit—allows learner to stop and exit the module

Reference Materials (Refer to PLATO Documentation CD)

PLATO Curriculum Guide—Advanced Writing Process and Practice

PLATO Curriculum Guide—Advanced Writing Process and Practice—Implementation Models

Student Materials and Offline Activities—Advanced Writing Process and Practice



Getting Started

- Refer to the PLATO Curriculum Guide—Advanced Writing Process and Practice to review the implementation components and models.
- Preview the Writing Strategies and Grammar & Mechanics course modules.

Lesson Progression

Writing Strategies

- Tutorial 1—teaches background concepts and links strategies to real world scenarios.
- Tutorial 2—teaches the writing strategy.
- Tutorial 3—extends the writing strategy and exposes common misconceptions.
- Offline Activity—provides a writing assignment to check understanding of the strategy.

Grammar & Mechanics

- Tutorial—introduces and teaches grammar and mechanics concepts (not scored).
- Application—reinforces grammar and mechanics concepts covered in the tutorial (scored).
- Mastery test—includes random questions to assess mastery of concept (scored).

Assessment

- Assign the mastery test as a pretest to determine placement in Grammar & Mechanics.
- Use the offline activities to identify learning needs relative to the concept taught.
- Use a state or local assessment to further identify and prioritize instructional needs.

Implementation Strategies

Use the following implementation models described in the PLATO Curriculum Guide—Advanced Writing Process and Practice to effectively incorporate the writing strategies:

- Document Centered
- Pre-Teaching
- Computer Sequenced
- Collaborative Learning
- Class Demonstration
- Teacher Training

Evaluation

- Generate reports to track learner progress and measure gains
- Discuss report data with learner to determine next steps.
- Collect and evaluate learner portfolios that include writing samples.
- Use offline activities and rubric as an extension exercise to evaluate learner performance.

Extension Exercises

- Have learner work in small groups to formulate advice and tips for writers.
- Create a writer's workshop where learners take turns sharing their work in various writing genres.
- Direct learner to research opportunities for writing as a career.

Curriculum Structure

Curriculum



Advanced Writing Process and Practice

Course



Writing Strategies (Level KK)

Module



Writing Precisely

Tutorial 1

Tutorial 2

Tutorial 3

Offline Activity

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