

Houghton Mifflin Fourth Grade Writing

<p><b>Theme 1 <u>Journeys</u></b>  <b>Personal Narrative</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voice</li> <li>• Sentence Fluency</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Writing a news article Adding details/kinds of sentences</li> <li>2. Writing a response-journal entry Giving examples/subjects &amp; predicates</li> <li>3. Writing an answer to a question Complete sentences/compound sentences</li> <li>4. Writing a friendly letter Commas in dates and place names</li> </ol> <p><b>Mysteries</b>  <b>Writing a Mystery</b>  Time-order words/sentences &amp; phrases</p>	<p><b>Theme 2 <u>American Stories</u></b>  <b>Description</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Word Choice</li> <li>• Conventions and presentation</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Writing an essay Main idea and detail</li> <li>2. Writing a character sketch Correcting run-on sentences</li> <li>3. Writing a business letter Keeping to the point</li> <li>4. Journal writing Voice in a journal</li> </ol> <p><b>Plays</b>  <b>Write a play</b>  Dialogue</p>
<p><b>Theme 3 <u>That's Amazing</u></b>  <b>Story</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ideas</li> <li>• Sentence fluency</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Writing an explanation Audience</li> <li>2. Writing an announcement Ordering information</li> <li>3. Writing a summary Paraphrasing</li> </ol>	<p><b>Theme 4 <u>Problem Solvers</u></b>  <b>Persuasive essay</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ideas</li> <li>• Word choice</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Writing an opinion paragraph Commas in introductory phrases</li> <li>2. Taking notes Choosing what's important</li> <li>3. Writing a comparison-contrast composition Correcting sentence fragments</li> <li>4. Writing a message Complete information</li> </ol> <p><b>Poetry</b>  <b>Write a poem</b>  Similies and metaphors</p>
<p><b>Theme 5 <u>Heroes</u></b>  <b>Personal essay</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voice</li> <li>• Organization</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Writing an information paragraph Using facts</li> <li>2. Writing a problem/solution composition Combining sentences</li> <li>3. Writing a magazine article Combining sentences</li> </ol> <p><b>Pourquoi Tales</b>  <b>Write a Pourquoi Tale</b>  Exact verbs</p>	<p><b>Theme 6 <u>Nature: Friend and Foe</u></b>  <b>Research Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Conventions and presentation</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Writing a how-to paragraph Using order words an phrases</li> <li>2. Writing a learning log entry Elaborating with adverbs</li> <li>3. Writing a speech Combining sentences</li> </ol>