

## Houghton Mifflin Sixth Grade Writing

<p>Theme 1 <u>Courage</u></p> <p>Personal Narrative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voice</li> <li>• Sentence fluency</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Writing instructions Sequence words</li> <li>2. Writing a memo Capitalization and Punctuation</li> <li>3. Writing a friendly letter Voice</li> <li>4. Writing an opinion paragraph Combining sentences</li> </ol> <p>Poetry</p> <p>Write a poem</p> <p>Sensory language</p>	<p>Theme 2 <u>What Really Happened?</u></p> <p>Story</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ideas</li> <li>• Word choice</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Writing a news article Adding details</li> <li>2. Writing a journal entry Using exact verbs</li> <li>3. Writing a business letter Using the right tone</li> </ol> <p>Plays</p> <p>Write a play</p> <p>Exact verbs</p>
<p>Theme 3 <u>Growing Up</u></p> <p>Description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Word choice</li> <li>• Organization</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Writing a problem-solution composition Organization</li> <li>2. Writing a response to a prompt Sentence fragments/run-on sentences</li> <li>3. Writing a character sketch Using exact nouns and verbs</li> <li>4. Writing a speech Audience</li> </ol>	<p>Theme 4 <u>Discovering Ancient Cultures</u></p> <p>Research Report</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 an explanation Eliminating unnecessary words</li> <li>2. Writing a paragraph of information Elaborating with adjectives</li> <li>3. Writing a comparison-contrast paragraph Combining sentences</li> <li>4. Writing a myth Using dialogue</li> </ol> <p>Myths</p>
<p>Theme 5 <u>Doers and Dreamers</u></p> <p>Personal Essay</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 clarification composition Being precise</li> <li>2. Writing a how-to paragraph Pronouns</li> <li>3. Writing a summary Paraphrasing</li> <li>4. Writing a speech Word connotations</li> </ol> <p>Speeches</p>	<p>Theme 6 <u>New Frontiers: Oceans and Space</u></p> <p>Persuasive essay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ideas</li> <li>• Conventions and presentation</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Writing an announcement Ordering important information</li> <li>2. Writing a biography Combining sentences</li> <li>3. Writing a comparison/contrast essay Sentence combining</li> <li>4. Writing an answer to an essay question Keeping to the point</li> </ol>