

# Skills Covered in WriteShop JUNIOR (D-E-F)



Skills that are introduced OR reviewed and practiced	Junior Book D grades 3-4*	Junior Book E grades 4-5*	Junior Book F grades 5-6*
<b>BRAINSTORMING &amp; ORGANIZING</b>			
Narrow a topic that is too broad	✓	✓	✓
Use graphic organizers to plan a story or report	✓	✓	✓
Organize a story to include a problem and its solution	✓	✓	✓
<b>STYLE</b>			
Write a solid paragraph	✓	✓	✓
Choose strong adjectives and active verbs	✓	✓	✓
Vary sentence length	✓	✓	✓
Develop voice and show emotion	✓	✓	✓
Write a basic sentence	✓	✓	
Write compound sentences		✓	✓
Describe characters, setting, and plot with vivid language		✓	✓
Use figures of speech			✓
Start sentences in different ways			✓
<b>FICTION WRITING</b>			
Write in different fiction genres	✓	✓	✓
Include a beginning, middle, and end	✓	✓	✓
Add dialogue to a story	✓	✓	✓
Add story details	✓	✓	✓
Develop the middle of a story to make it interesting		✓	✓
Choose a point of view		✓	✓
<b>NONFICTION WRITING</b>			
Write an introduction, body, and closing	✓	✓	✓
Write a short, research-based article	✓		
Summarize the contents of favorite books		✓	✓
Respond to literature		✓	✓
Write five paragraphs		✓	✓
Write a research-based report			✓
Write persuasively			✓
<b>EDITING &amp; REVISING</b>			
Replace weak words with strong ones	✓	✓	✓
Use self-editing checklists to proofread their own work	✓	✓	✓
Use proofreading symbols and editing tools	✓	✓	✓
Edit and revise with adult guidance	✓	✓	
Edit and revise independently			✓
<b>MECHANICS</b>			
Practice using proper punctuation	✓	✓	✓
Practice grade-level grammar skills	✓	✓	✓
Use quotation marks in dialogue	✓	✓	✓

\* May also be used with older students who are struggling or reluctant writers | [writeshop.com](http://writeshop.com)