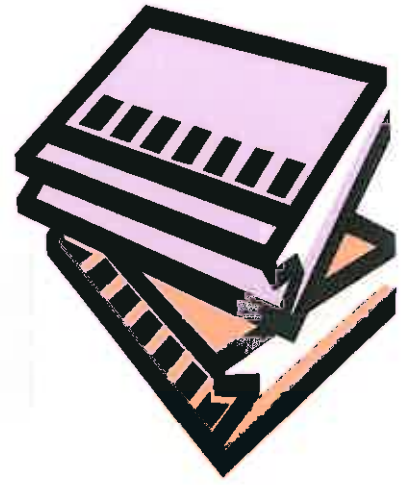


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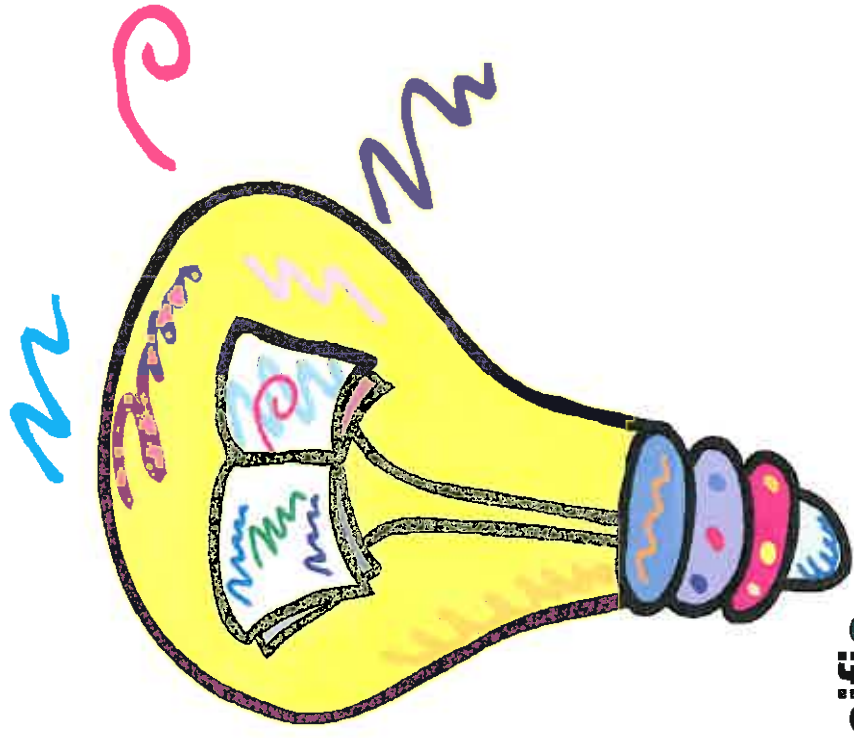


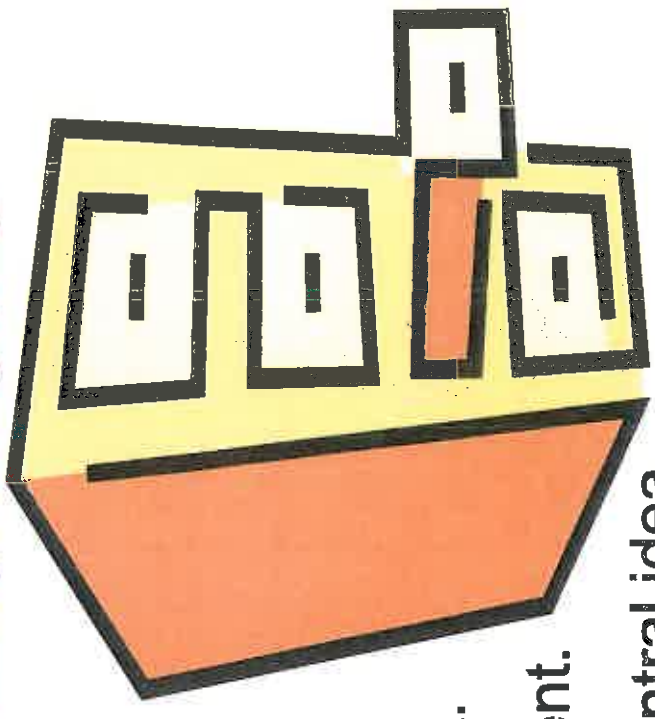
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Ideas & Content

A good writer should:

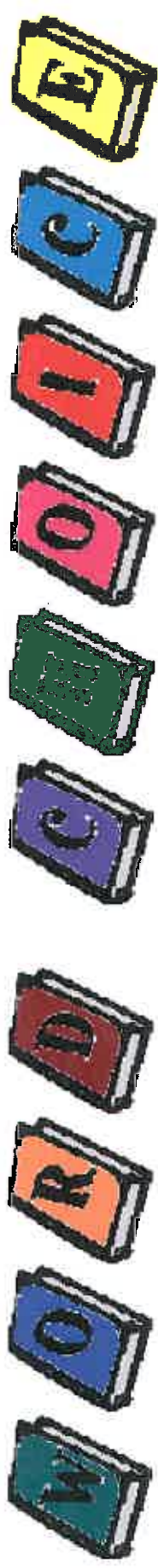
- ✦ Write from experience.
- ✦ Use supporting details.
- ✦ Stay in control of the topic.
- ✦ Show insight in the writing.
- ✦ Use fresh and original ideas.
- ✦ Make the main ideas stand out.
- ✦ Narrow the topic to something specific.
- ✦ Develop the topic in an entertaining way.





A good writer should:

- Use a lead that “hooks” the reader.
- Use organization that is graceful.
- Place supporting details so that they fit.
- Give information at just the right moment.
- Use organization that enhances the central idea.
- Use smooth transitions that help the ideas flow together.
- Use logical and effective structure, order, and sequence.
- Use a conclusion that gives the reader a sense of resolution.
- Use an effective conclusion that ties all of the ideas together.



A good writer should:

- 📖 Be concise.
- 📖 Avoid repetition.
- 📖 Use words correctly.
- 📖 Use powerful action verbs.
- 📖 Use specific descriptive nouns.
- 📖 Use slang and clichés sparingly
- 📖 Use language that is natural and not overdone.
- 📖 Use adjectives that are as descriptive as possible.
- 📖 Use words that create a mental picture for the reader.



SENTENCE FLUENCY

A good writer should:

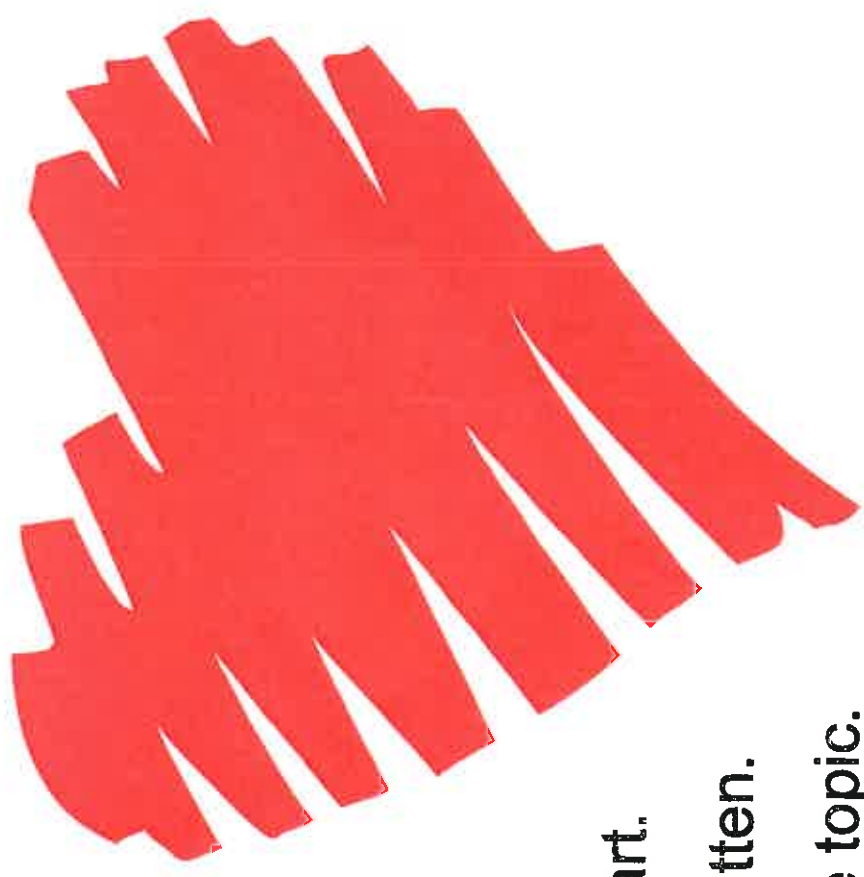
- ♪ Use different sentence lengths.
- ♪ Use different sentence structures.
- ♪ Use different sentence beginnings.
- ♪ Use language that sounds *natural*.
- ♪ Give the writing an easy flow and rhythm.
- ♪ Invite expressive oral language of the text.
- ♪ Use complete sentences – any fragments must add to the meaning of the text.





A good writer should:

- Use capitalization correctly.
 - Proofread and edit the paper.
 - Use correct spelling, even on difficult words.
 - Use grammar that contributes to clarity and style.
 - Reinforce the organization with good paragraphing.
 - Enhance the readability of the paper with conventions.
 - Write a long enough piece to show a wide range of skills.
 - Guide the reader through the paper with correct punctuation.
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A good writer should:

- 💡 Write to be read.
 - 💡 Connect with the reader.
 - 💡 Write honestly and from the heart.
 - 💡 Care about what he/she has written.
 - 💡 Share his/her feelings about the topic.
 - 💡 Use more expression than an encyclopedia article.
 - 💡 Use language that brings the topic to life for the reader.
 - 💡 Give the reader a sense of the person behind the words.
 - 💡 Speak directly to the reader, but without using the word “you.”
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PRESENTATION

A good writer should:

- ❏ **Maintain neatness.**
- ❏ **Use appropriate spacing.**
- ❏ **Use clearly formed or typed letters.**
- ❏ **Use appropriate font(s) and size(s.)**
- ❏ **Use appropriate style sheet as directed.**
- ❏ **Use white space to allow reader to focus on text.**
- ❏ **Use illustrations effectively and when appropriate.**
- ❏ **Use form and presentation to enhance the meaning.**
- ❏ **Use titles, bullets, numbering, and other markers effectively.**

