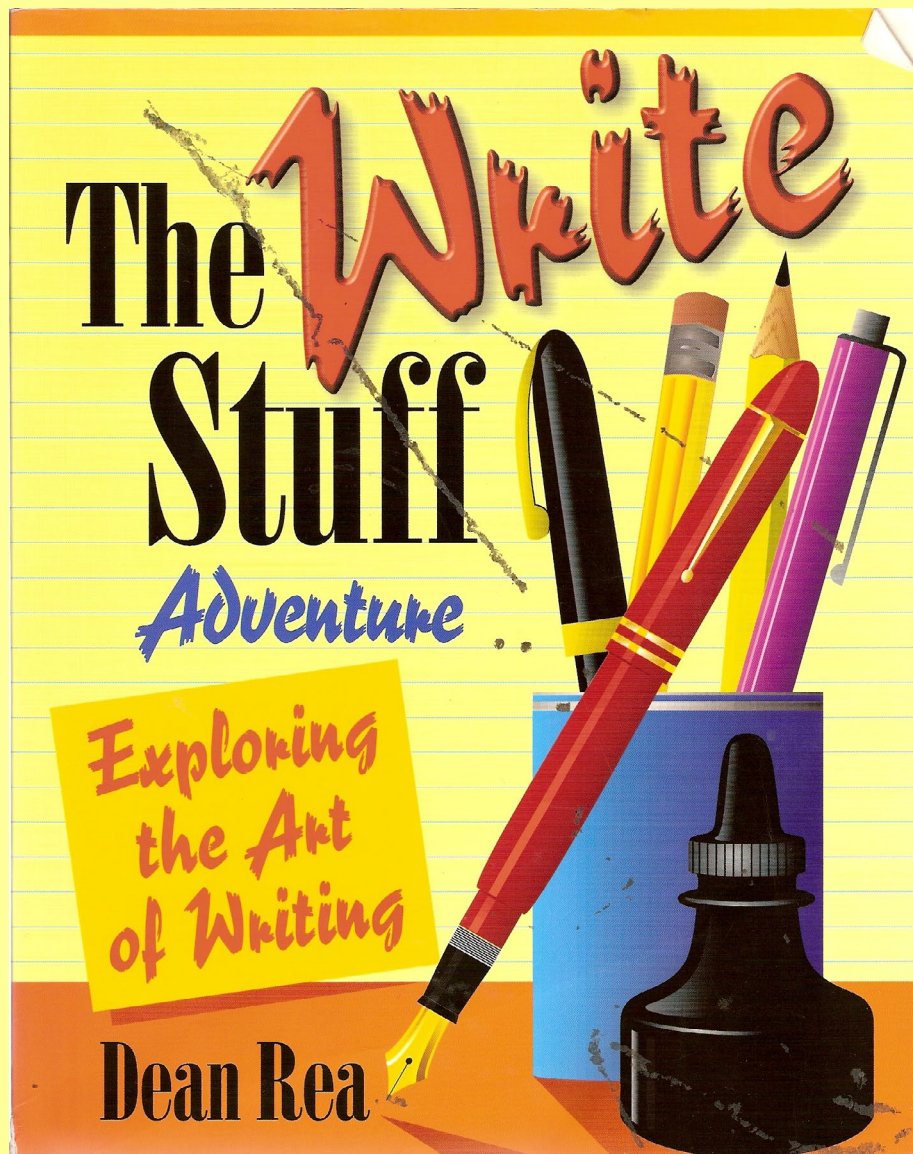


Write Stuff Adventure

Middle School Lesson Plans



This writing class was created in 2004 for my daughter for a middle school class.

This is not a product.

We are just sharing our own notes to inspire you in your own lesson planning.

I love *The Write Stuff Adventure* and she still needed grammar, so we focused on writing lessons from *The Write Stuff Adventure* and grammar from *Easy Grammar*, another favorite.

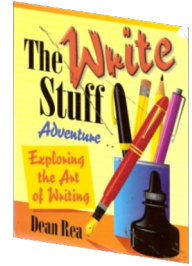
We hope this will be a blessing and inspire you to create your own classes and unit studies.

Warmly,
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Course Requirements for The Write Stuff Adventure

Textbook:

The Write Stuff Adventure by Dean Rae



Supplemental (optional):

Easy Writing by Wanda Phillips

Writing Assignments:

Complete assignments listed in assignment check-off list in *The Write Stuff Adventure*

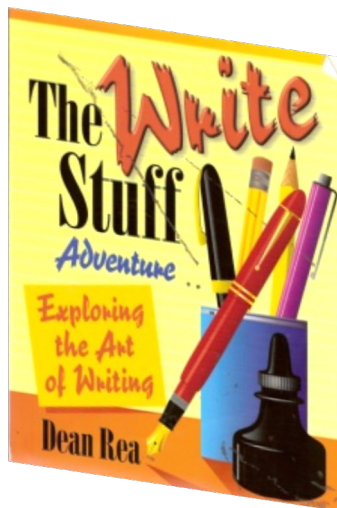
Complete *Easy Writing*—Level I (first half of book)

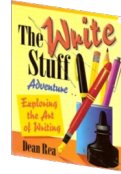
Grading:

To get a **C** grade, you must complete all assignments with content, grammar and spelling adequate.

To get a **B** grade, you must complete all assignments with content, grammar, and spelling of high quality.

To get an **A** grade, all work must be completed with excellence and creativity.





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September:

Date time comp

Write Stuff Adventure pages 27-28 Lessons 9 & 10

Easy Writing pages 17-27

Visit Library and learn how to research various sources.

Make a list of sources of information

Rewrite Paper

Write Stuff Adventure page 28 Lesson 11

Easy Writing pages 29-38

Rewrite Paper

Write Stuff Adventure page 29 Lesson 12

Easy Writing pages 39-50

Rewrite Paper

Write Stuff Adventure page 32 Lesson 14

Easy Writing pages 53-66

Rewrite Paper

October:

Write Stuff Adventure pages 33-34 Lesson 15

Easy Writing pages 69-72

Rewrite Paper

Write Stuff Adventure page 35 Lesson 16

Easy Writing pages 73-76

Rewrite Paper

Write Stuff Adventure page 39-40 Basic Statements

Easy Writing pages 79-88

Rewrite Paper

Write Stuff Adventure pages 41-42 Clues to Clauses

Easy Writing pages 89-94

Rewrite Paper

November:

Write Stuff Adventure pages 43-44 Write a Play

Easy Writing pages 95-100

Rewrite Paper

Write Stuff Adventure page 52 First Things First

Easy Writing pages 103-110

Rewrite Paper

Write Stuff Adventure page 55 Who's Scared?

Easy Writing pages 111-120

Rewrite Paper

Write Stuff Adventure page 61 Dad's Car

Easy Writing pages 121-128

Rewrite Paper

December:

Write Stuff Adventure page 75 A Ten Year Plan

Rewrite Paper

January:

Write Stuff Adventure pages 83-84 Thesis

Rewrite Paper

Write Stuff Adventure pages 85-86 Organizing the Essay

Easy Writing pages 131-138

Rewrite Paper

Write Stuff Adventure pages 87-89 Writing the Intro

Easy Writing pages 139-144

Rewrite Paper

Write Stuff Adventure pages 90-91 Building the Body

Easy Writing pages 145-148

Rewrite Paper

February:

Write Stuff Adventure page 92 Restating Thesis

Easy Writing pages 151-160

Rewrite Paper

Write Stuff Adventure page 93 Transitions

Easy Writing pages 161-168

Rewrite Paper

Write Stuff Adventure pages 94-95 Polishing the Products

Easy Writing pages 171-179

Rewrite Paper

Write Stuff Adventure page 96 Letter to Editor about Godly Manhood

Easy Writing pages 181-190

Rewrite Paper

March:

Write Stuff Adventure pages 107-108 Common Factors

Easy Writing pages 391-393 with Mom

Rewrite Paper

Write Stuff Adventure pages 109-111 Quotes, Notes, & Anecdotes

Rewrite Paper

Write Stuff Adventure pages 112-113 Art of Interviewing

Rewrite Paper

Write Stuff Adventure pages 114-115 Do you Have Questions?

Rewrite Paper

April:

Write Stuff Adventure pages 116-119 Answers to Your Questions

Rewrite Paper

Write Stuff Adventure pages 120-122 Organizing Article

Rewrite Paper

Write Stuff Adventure pages 123-124 Jimmy Jones Story

Rewrite Paper

Write Stuff Adventure pages 125-127 Getting an Anecdote

Rewrite Paper

May:

Write Stuff Adventure pages 148-149 Topsy-turvy Essay

Rewrite Paper

Write Stuff Adventure Assignment of Choice

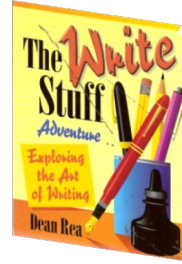
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Write Stuff Adventure Hour Check-Off Chart

The Write Stuff Adventure Review

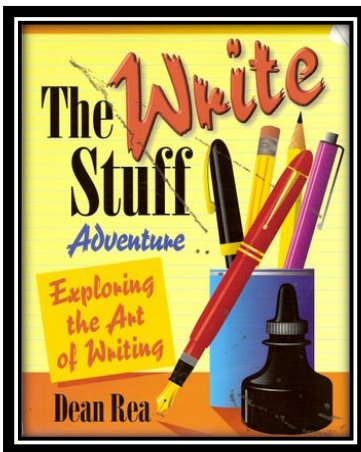
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"Help! My kids are terrible writers. Do you know of a writing curriculum that would help?"

I have been asked this question many times because I happen to love to write, as do several, but not all, of my children. There are plenty of grammar, spelling, and phonics workbooks, but you can't really teach good writing skills with a workbook. Contrary to popular belief, good writers are not born good writers, they are taught to write well. Often, the only barrier to teaching your child to write well is the confidence factor. This book may help you to feel more confident as you instruct your children in the art of writing.

Writing curricula that actually teach kids to write are hard to find. *The Write Stuff Adventure: Exploring the Art of Writing* was created by [Dean Rea](#), a retired newspaper editor and university teacher, for his homeschooled grandchildren. It is a delightful book that I have used with great success for all of my children at various grade levels. I use the section on essays sophomore or junior year in high school when we focus on non-fiction writing and research. This year, my sixth grader and eighth grader have done several of the newspaper writing assignments from *The Write Stuff Adventure*.



This book covers letter writing and journaling in a fun way. Students even write an autobiography. *The Write Stuff Adventure* teaches children the art of interviewing with family history and news article assignments. The basics of journalism are covered in this wonderful book. My favorite thing about the book, though, is the way it teaches students to write essays. What a great job [Dean Rea](#) does in teaching how to write the essay--the best I've ever seen.

Students, even as young as fifth grade, can use this book on their own. Dean's style is friendly and engaging, easy to

understand. Your children can easily understand the assignments and come to you for help or simply to correct their papers! The assignments are interesting and fun! This book is NOT intimidating, but, boy, will your children learn to write!

You can purchase *The Write Stuff Adventure* at [Great Christian Books](#) for \$17.99. A very good bargain, considering today's economy!

Let me tell you a little more about *The Write Stuff Adventure*. It is divided up into five sections: Simple Things; Personal and Family History; The Essay Made Easy; Interviewing and the Non-Fiction Article; and News, Advertising, and Photography. The first section, Simple Things, has some simple easy assignments such as writing about Thanksgiving from the turkey's perspective, writing a letter to grandmother, or writing about your favorite dessert. The second section, Personal and Family History, provides assignments that you'll want to hold on to as keepsakes and/or put in a family scrapbook. Here are some of the assignments: an autobiography, a memory list, my favorite pet, and the day I was born. Now that I have lost both parents, I wish we had more of these interviews as keepsakes.

The next section, The Essay Made Easy, gives great instructions on how to write a good essay. It goes into writing a thesis statement, organizing the essay, making transitions, and polishing the essay when you have completed the rough draft. The rest of the book teaches the art of interviewing and writing articles from interviews. It also touches on writing all kinds of news stories, features, advertisements, and using pictures. This section would make a great foundation for a unit study on newspapers and creating your own family newspaper! Remember I mentioned earlier that Dean is a retired newspaper editor, so he knows well the subject he is teaching here!



We all want to teach our children to communicate clearly, especially in writing! Most of us would rather talk face to face, but we cannot always do that. "Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that..." (I Timothy 3:14). Paul wrote instructions to Timothy in case he was delayed. In fact, Paul's letters to the New Testament churches make up most of the New Testament. God chose to write His Word in a book, the Bible. If our children are going to grow up to be world-changers, they must learn to communicate clearly in writing! Do not become weary as you teach your children to write! This book is just one of a few great writing curricula available. Other writing curricula that I recommend are [Understanding Writing](#) by [Susan Bradrick](#), [Writing Strands](#) by [Dave Marks](#), and [Imitation in Writing](#) by [Matt Whitling](#). For fiction writing, I recommend [Writing the Novel Way](#) by [Carole Thaxton](#) and [One Year Novel Adventure](#) by [Daniel Schwabauer](#).

I have mainly used this book as a supplement, but it would make a great writing course too! If you're looking for something that crosses ages and grades, really teaching your

children to write well, then this book would be a great investment. We have used it for years and plans on using it for years to come!

We hope you enjoyed these “Good Old Days” lesson plans that we used to homeschool our children years ago. They are compliments of Powerline Productions.

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