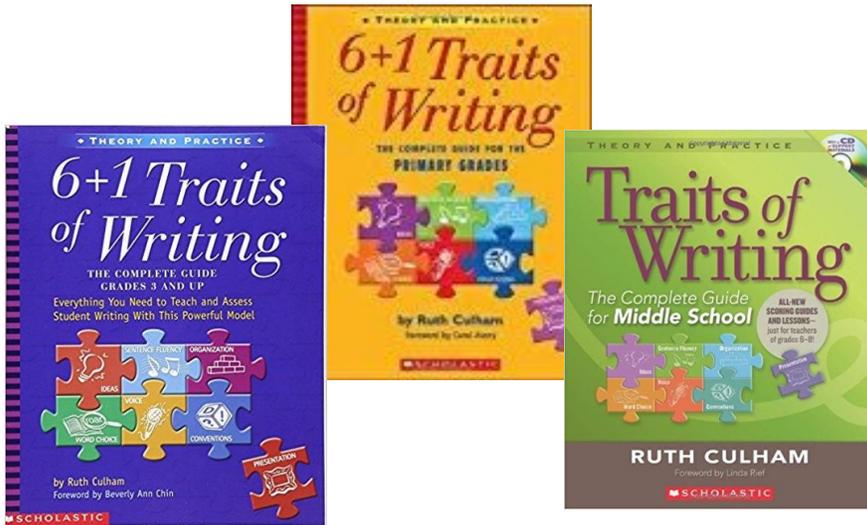


# WRITING

# GRADES K-8



## 6+1 TRAITS FOR WRITING

Teachers have come to realize students must understand the common traits their writing must possess in order to clearly communicate a message. The 6+1 Trait Writing Model helps teachers show students how to incorporate the six traits of writing that allow them too clearly and effectively communicate their message. The 6+1 Traits infused in writing lessons are idea, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, and convention.

During the 1980s, Education Northwest curriculum experts developed the 6+1 Trait Writing Model®, with the help of teachers. Since that time, the model has spread in use to all 50 of the United States as well as other countries around the world. Its common use stems from the fact that all "good" writing includes the 6 traits. The 6+1 Trait Writing Model helps to prepare students to communicate what is necessary to succeed in life and meet or exceed academic standards.



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**“Writing is the painting of the voice.”**

**What are the 6 traits of writing?**

- Idea
- Organization
- Voice
- Word Choice
- Sentence Fluency
- Convention

**COMMON CORE  
STATE STANDARDS-  
ARE EASILY ACHIEVED**

6+1 Traits for Writing can be implemented across content areas so students have consistent expectations when it comes to writing.