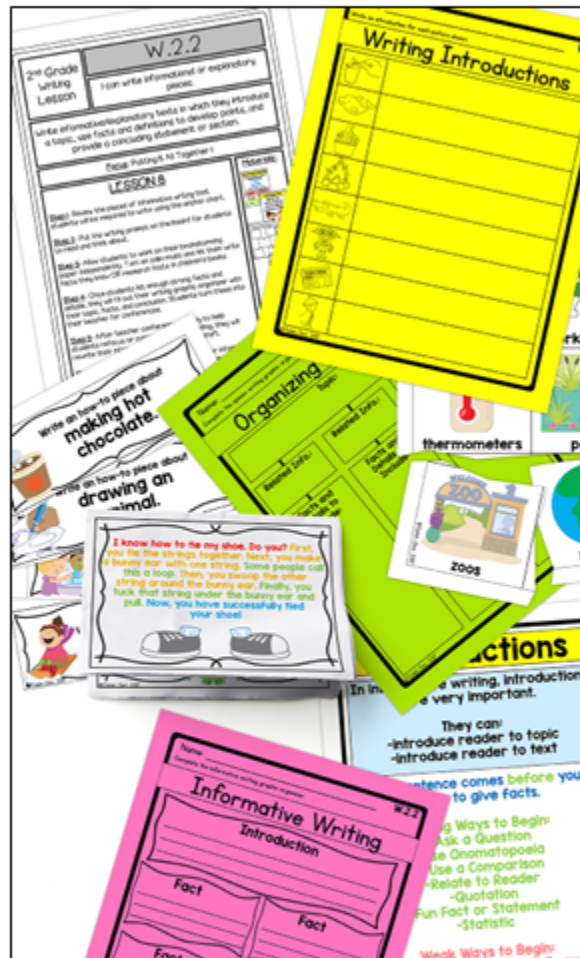


What Teachers Say



“This is an amazing resource for informative writing. It really breaks down each part of informative writing in ways students can learn, understand, and be interactive with it. I love it! I will be looking for opinion and narrative writing from this creator!”

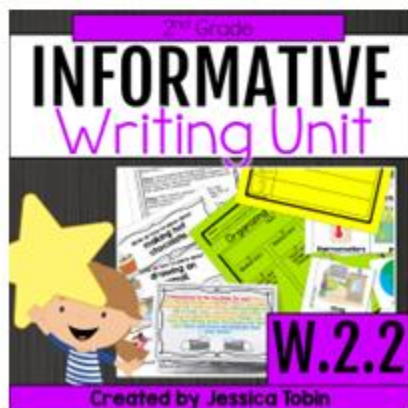
“What a time saver! No need to grapple with finding your own clip art, etc. This unit is attractive and has all the cute forms you need to teach this writing unit!”

“This was a great resource to use that easily explains how to do informative writing. These organizers made it quick and simple and easy to follow.”

W.2.2

This ELA unit provides resources to use while teaching the standard **W.2.2**, which states that students will be able to

“Write informative/explanatory texts in which they introduce a topic, use facts and definitions to develop points, and provide a concluding statement or section.”



Using This Unit

Let's look at the structure of this unit.

Lessons

- There are 11 lessons in this unit. These lessons will likely take more than one day to complete, so you can break them up over the course of one to three days. It all depends on how much time you have for writing. I suggest at least 10-15 minutes for your daily lesson, then 15-20+ minutes for practice time.

Prompts

- These can be used throughout the unit as you see fit. They can be incorporated into daily writing, morning work, or used throughout the school year as cyclical practice.

Graphic Organizers

- These can be used throughout the unit as you see fit, too. You can use them with your lessons if you need more or use them within your independent practice time.

Writing Papers

- There are primary lined and regular lined paper. You can choose the paper you like best. Each one has THREE options: one with a large picture, one with a small picture, and one with no picture option.

Assessments

- There is a student self-assessment included as well as a teacher rubric to use. Have the student complete the self-assessment before conferring about their pieces.

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Mini Lessons

There are 7 mini lessons within this unit, plus 3 guided review lessons. These may take between 2 to 3 days to complete, depending on how long your ELA block is. Activities range from group work, partner activities, whole group lessons, and independent activities. **Here is a close-up of Lesson #1 + materials!**

2nd Grade Writing Lesson
W.2.2
I can write informational or explanatory pieces.

Write informative/explanatory texts in which they introduce a topic, use facts and definitions to develop points, and use a logical organization in presenting their ideas.

W.2.2 Lesson 1 Continued

Hand up: At least one of hands drawn larger in the air, just means everyone has a partner. Then, the teacher will give a prompt. Each prompt, students will discuss importance of the Part Up until all prompts are done.

Informative Writing
There are different types of informative pieces.
-All About Books
-Articles
-How-To Pieces
-Biographies
-Explanatory Pieces
3 Parts to an Informative Piece

Introduction to Topic Author tells the reader what topic or book they will be discussing. Introduction should catch the reader's attention.	Body- Facts and Details Author supplies facts to give further information about the topic or text.	Closure Author wraps up the informative writing piece. Sometimes will give a call to action or ask a question.
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What is the Moon Like? By: Franklyn Branley	The Honey Makers By: Gail Gibbons
What If You Had Animals...? Series By: Sandra Markle	National Geographic Kids Series By: Various Authors
How to Teach a Slug to Read By: Susan Pearson	Milk to Ice Cream By: Inez Snyder
I am Martin Luther King Jr. By: Brad Meltzer	How a House is Built By: Gail Gibbons
Why are the Icecaps Melting? By: Anne Rockwell	Hippos are Huge! By: Jonathan London

Pop! Pop! Pop! That's the sound of a child having fun blowing bubbles in their gum. Gum is a candy that many people can chew. It isn't like hard candy to crunch, instead you can chew it forever. Gum has many different flavors. Some are minty and others are fruity. People can blow bubbles with their gum. This makes gum fun to chew. Next time you're at the store, you should yourself a pack of gum!

Watch out where you're walking. You could possibly step on an insect! Insects can be found almost everywhere in the world. The one habitat where you won't find any insects are freezing cold areas. Insects are very small and sometimes can't be seen. These bugs are some of the smallest animals in the world. So, next time you're outdoors, keep your eyes open for insects!

Have you ever seen a bear?

Ouch! That crab just pinched me!

Conclusion

Details to Support Facts

Stand Up- Hand Up- Pair Up Question 1:
Why are introductions important in an informative writing piece?

Stand Up- Hand Up- Pair Up Question 2:
Why are conclusions important in an informative writing piece?

Mini Lessons

Here's a quick glance at Mini Lessons #5, 6, and 7.

The collage features several educational resources:

- Lesson 5 Continued:** A writing guide for 2nd grade focusing on conclusions. It includes a focus on writing informational pieces and a section titled "Conclusions" with the text: "In informative writing, conclusions are also very important and come at the end of your writing. They can..."
- Lesson 6:** A writing guide for 2nd grade focusing on "How-to" writing. It includes a focus on writing informational pieces and a section titled "'How-to' Writing" with the text: "How-to Writing is the writing that tells the how to do something. It explains a process or occurrence that happens."
- Lesson 7 Continued:** A writing guide for 2nd grade focusing on informational writing. It includes a focus on writing informational pieces and a section titled "All About" with the text: "All About writing papers or books explain many details about a topic."
- Activity Cards:** Several cards with illustrations and text, such as "make lemonade", "build a tent", "get ready for bed", and "All About Butterflies".
- Summary and Share Feelings:** Cards with illustrations of a seahorse and a child, with text like "In conclusion, there are many ocean animals in the sea." and "All in all, I will always feel very fond of my pet, even if it's a lot of work to take care of."
- Other Resources:** Cards like "How To Carve a Pumpkin", "Conclusions", and "All About the Sun".

Practice Lessons

Here's a quick glance at Mini Lessons #8-10, which are review mini lessons. After the scaffolded lesson plans, there are extra mini lessons that gives students a guided practice through their writing. The teacher will guide them through a mini lesson including a review, prewrite, and drafting.

The image displays a collection of educational materials for 2nd-grade writing lessons, specifically focusing on informative writing. The materials are arranged in a collage-like fashion, showing various components of the lessons.

Lesson Plans (W.2.2): Several pages show the structure of the lessons, including the objective "I can write informative or explanatory pieces." and the standard "Write informative/explanatory texts in which they introduce a topic, use facts and definitions to develop points, and provide a concluding statement or section." The lessons are numbered 8, 9, and 10.

Writing Prompts: Three yellow prompts are visible, each with a title and a topic: "Write an informative piece about science," "Write a how-to piece about making something," and "Write an all-about piece about your favorite sport." Each prompt includes a list of possible topics: "All About Books," "Articles," "How-To Pieces," "Biographies," and "Explanatory Pieces."

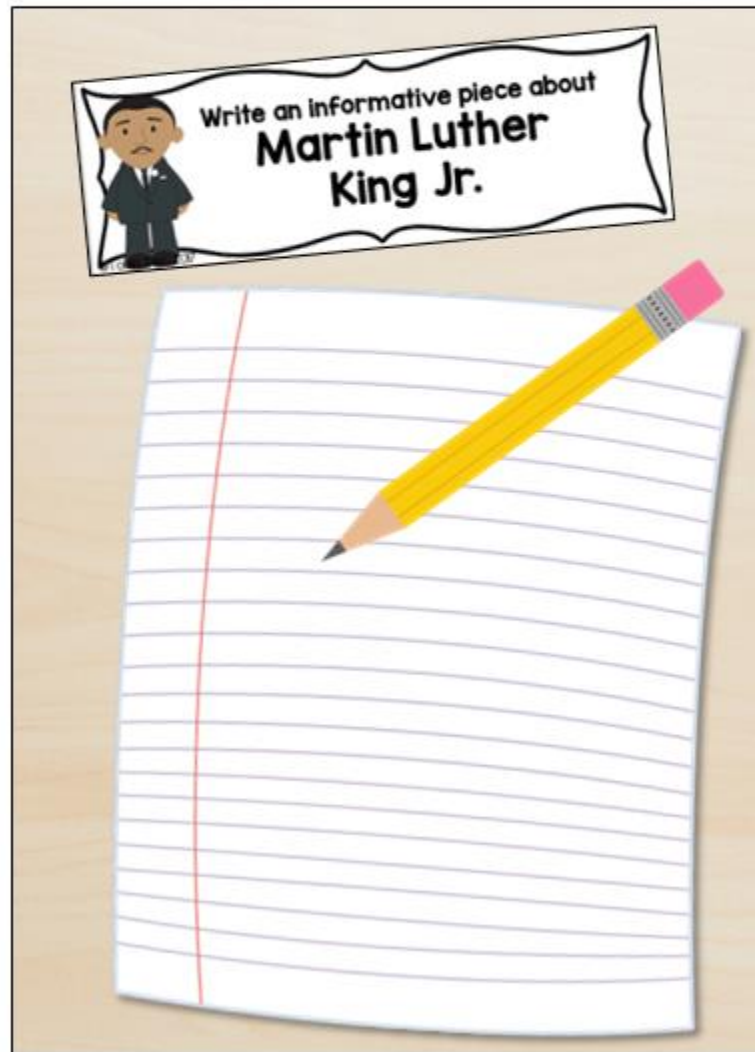
Student Writing Guides: Multiple pages show the layout for students to write their pieces. These guides include sections for "Introduction," "Fact," "Fact," "Fact," and "Closure." Some guides also include a "Topic Introduction" section.

Additional Materials: There are also pages titled "Science Class Fact" and "All About Your Favorite" with sections for "Fact" and "Closure." One page features a cartoon illustration of two children playing sports.

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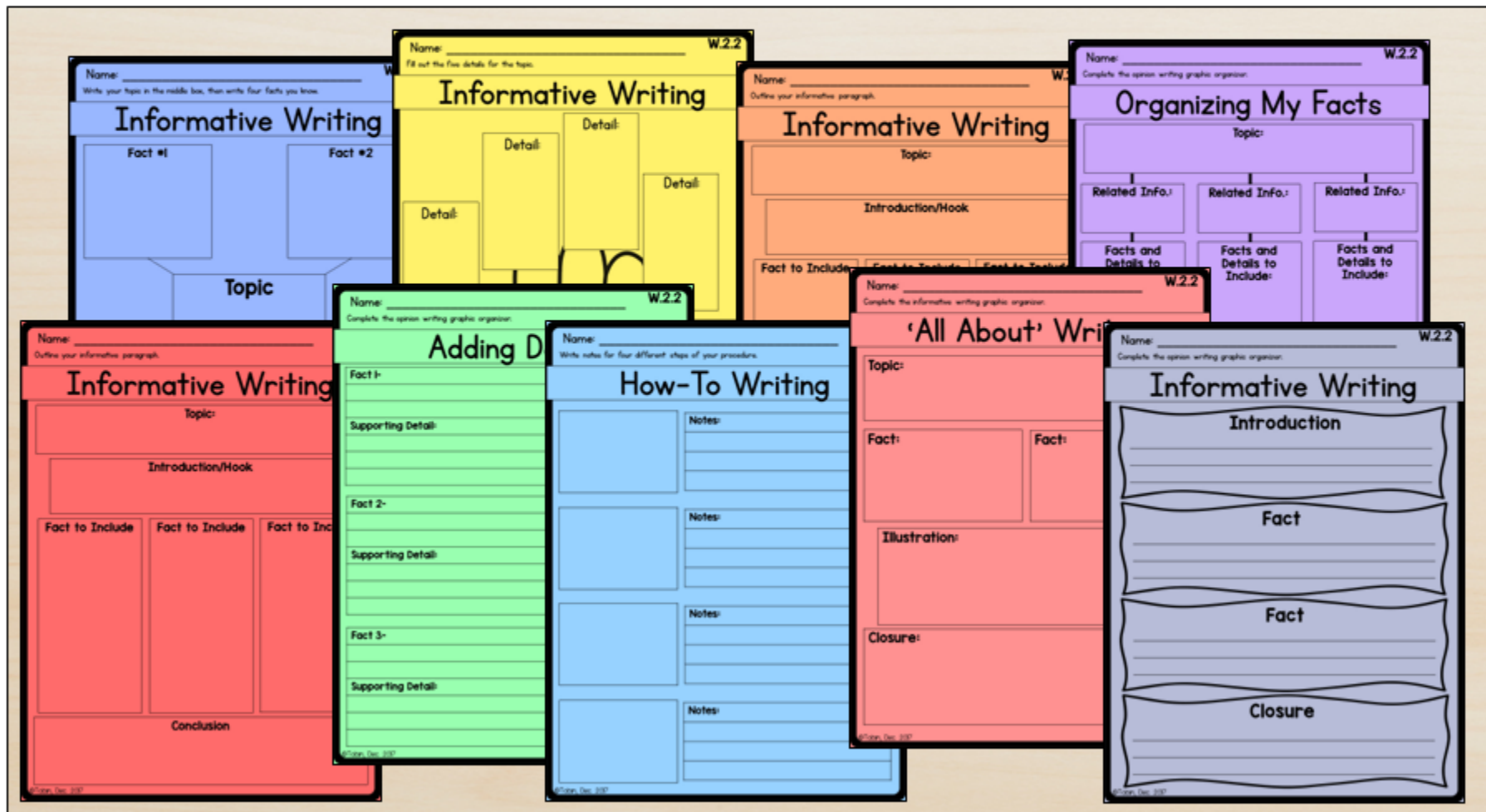
Extra Prompts

You're also provided with **prompts** that will help give students practice.



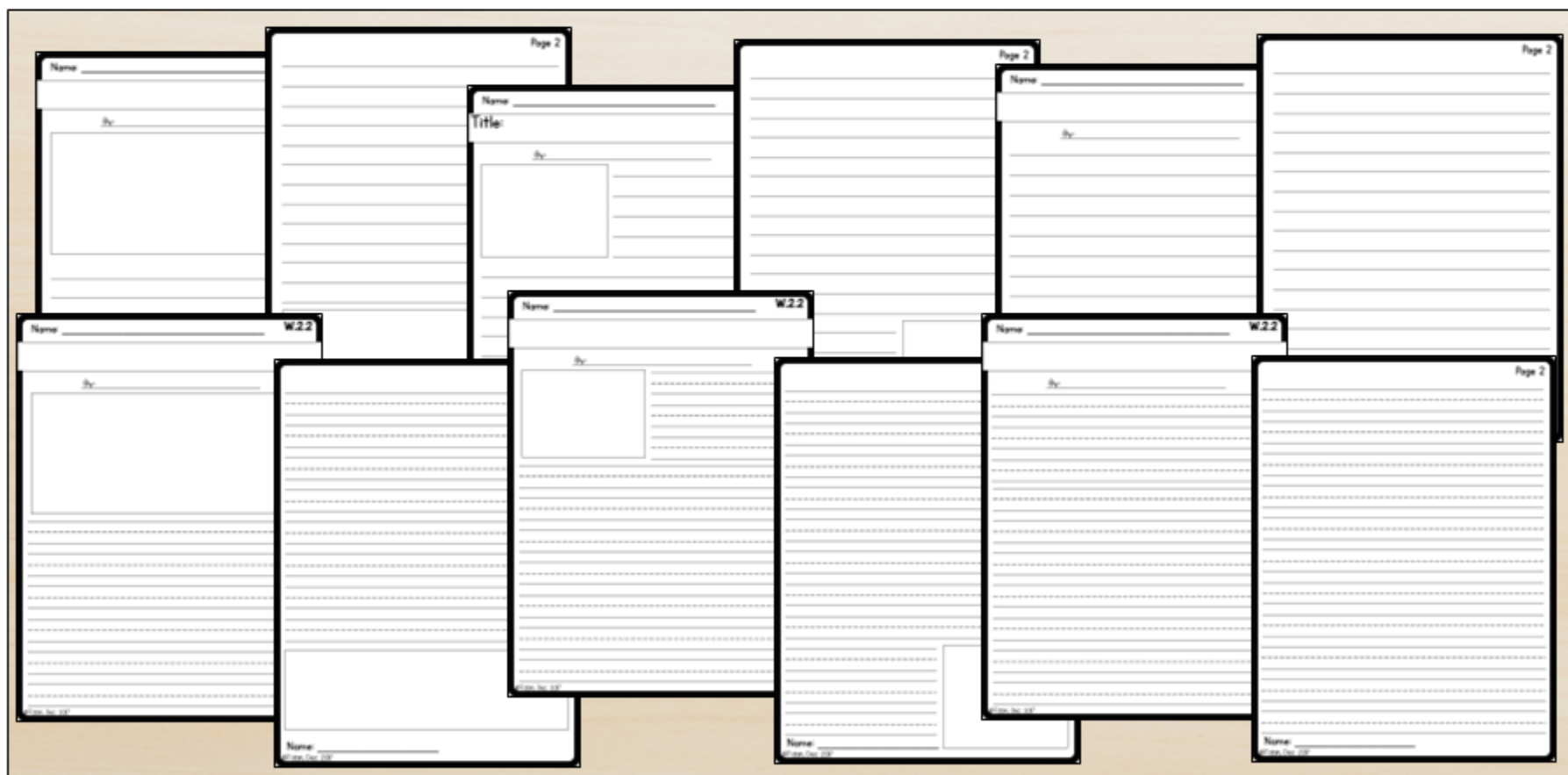
Graphic Organizers

You're also provided with **graphic organizers** that you can pull from and use for any narrative writing activity.



Extra Writing Papers

You're also provided with **writing papers** that you can pull from and use for any narrative writing activity. It includes primary writing lines, plus three options of illustration box sizes.



Digital Additions

4 pieces of this writing unit have been converted into digital options. The passages and graphic organizers now come in Google Slides.

- Graphic organizers
- Self-assessment
- Prompts
- Writing papers

