



QUEEN'S COLLEGE PRIMARY YEARS
GLAT WRITING TIPS

A DAILY DOSE OF READING WILL KEEP THE



"You only learn to be a better
writer by actually writing."
Doris Lessing

Read the Masters,

Write Like One!

C.S. Lewis, Avi

Roald Dahl, Jack Prelutsky

Malorie Blackman, Katherine Paterson

Shel Silverstein, Mildred Taylor

INSPIRATION FOR **WRITING** FLOWING!

DO	DON'T
Read the topic carefully- The topic is... My First Day At School	Write off topic -I was going to the carnival with my aunty, cousins and my sisters! NO!!
Plan what your essay will be about	Begin writing without a plan
<p>PARAGRAPH STRUCTURE-have clear and well developed paragraphs that have both short and long sentences. Ensure that your paragraphs flow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic sentences • Detail and supporting sentence • Concluding sentence • Write to the end of the line. • Make your point ONCE! • Start sentences in different ways <p>Write fluidly-Combine short and long sentences</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not skimp on details. Your paragraph should look healthy and developed..not as if it has been on a word diet. • Make statements without supporting them • Skip Lines between paragraphs • Avoid run-on-sentences • Avoid repetition..<i>when we, when we, I, I, I, and then, and then, and then</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid starting sentences with conjunctions..but, so, • Do not begin sentences with AND
<p>INCLUDE DETAILS AND DESCRIPTION-<i>go on a tour, stop and view things and share with the reader what surrounds you.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ensure that details are relevant</i> • <i>That many are included to support the development of your writing</i> <p>Adjective, adjective, adjective, noun, verb ↔ Powerful, gusting, cold winds stir the sea.</p> <p>Adjective, adjective, adjective, verb, noun ↔ Slippery, wet, glistening dancing seals excite</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing sentences with no developed detail. <p>The wind is blowing hard.</p> <p>The people like the seals.</p>

WAYS TO CREATE AN INTRODUCTION FICTION

It was night and some fireflies danced around the moon.

The Grouchy Ladybug By Eric Carle

In the light of the moon little egg lay on a leaf.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar By Eric Carle

On the night before Tim’s birthday he found a strange envelope under his pillow.

The Secret Birthday Message by Eric Carle

Certain people have said that the world is like a calm pond, and that anytime a person does even the smallest thing it is as if a stone has been dropped into the pond, spreading circles of ripples further and further out, until the entire world has changed by one tiny action.

A Series of Unfortunate Events By Lemony Snicket

NARRATIVE

Kite flying was definitely an enjoyable experience.

Bend, tap, swirl. Bend, tap, swirl. Dancing and tap have been a part of my life since I was a child.

Summers spent in Miami are the best. Each summer, my family and I spend a month visiting Miami.

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DESCRIPTIVE

A ravine cut across the ground from north to south.

The Lost: The Dark Ground

The farmhouse was nothing much-one room above another, with a leaky roof on top.

Captain Fearbeard’s steely grey eyes shone with excitement as the bow of HMS Albatross sliced through the cool blue waters of the River Nile.

The Adventures of Captain Fearbeard-Ciaran Murtagh

I am drowning in this roaring silence.

Pig Heart Boy-Malorie Blackman

PERSUASIVE

A very large amount of people own mobile phones. I am not convinced that they are aware of the dangers to health in using these phones.

Imagine how exciting it is to be 17 years old. It is the time when young teenagers get their driver’s license. In The Bahamas, however, there is a law that states that no teenagers can drive other teenagers at night. This is clearly wrong.

One of the most well liked foods in The Bahamas is conch. It can be prepared in so many ways; steamed, fried, stewed, scortched. What, though, is being done to protect this food resource? What is sure is that was has been done is not enough to preserve this natural resource.

<p>PACING AND TIMING Keep track of the time. Pace yourself so that you can finish. Work at a consistent and fluid pace.</p>	<p>Lose track of time, take too long to write.</p>
<p>SELF-CHECKING AND EDITING Ensure that you give at least 5-7 minutes of your time at the end to go over and check your work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Close the booklet without reading your work over.