

Grade 5 Writing Unit 2 – Information - The Lens of History

In this unit, your child will develop skills for writing research-based informational texts within a content area of study. Your child will read and research a social studies topic to build knowledge in order to write well about it.

The skills your child will develop in this unit are:

- Writing informational texts that convey ideas and information clearly
- Engaging in research, including keeping track of and citing relevant sources
- Identifying significant ideas and supporting information
- Synthesizing and comparing information across texts
- Thinking about and applying the structure and author’s craft as found in modeled texts

Ideas for discussing your child’s writing or reading for research at home:

- Geography impacts history. Together explore a map of your child’s area of study and encourage your child to discuss the locations that are relevant to the historical time.
- If reading, ask one:
 - What does the author care about in this text?
 - How did the author make choices about structure, text features or writing craft in order to engage and teach the reader?
- If your child is working on drafting or revising, ask:
 - What text features did you choose to include in your draft to teach others in a clear way? Appreciate your child’s choices.
 - How can you use the Information Writing Checklist to help you work independently?

Some books or materials your child will be exposed to in class are:

- Articles, short texts and topics related to the content-area of study

You can support your child during this unit by reading together some informational articles or books on a topic of interest. Informational writing is meant to teach. Learn together with your child.