Alphabet Posters to Help Teach Writing Strategies & Skills

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B is for Brainstorm
Before you begin writing, take time to brainstorm. Get all your thoughts down on paper. Make sure you write down all your ideas for your writing before you begin.

C is for Conventions
Strong writers use good conventions. This means they use correct capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and grammar.

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F is for Focus
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I is for Introduction
As a writer, you always want to have an idea for your next writing project. Keep a notebook of ideas so when you're ready to start writing you know exactly what to write about.

J is for Journal
Strong writers will keep a journal. Your writing journal can be a place where you keep track of your writing projects. You can jot down ideas, observations, or anything else that will help you with your writing.

K is for Keep a List
Keep a list of all the things you want to write about. When you are ready to start a new writing project, you can revisit your list and pick a new topic to write about.

L is for Leads
Start each paragraph with a strong lead. This could be a question, some dialogue, a shocking statement or some other way to hook them into your writing.

M is for Mentor Texts
Don't be afraid to mimic what other writers do. You can use mentor texts to inspire your writing or to try out a new writing strategy.

N is for Narrative
A narrative is a story. Writers can write stories about their own lives or make up fictional stories about someone else.

O is for Organization
All writing should have some form of organization. Before you begin writing, make a plan for how you want to share your story or information.

P is for Publish
Sometimes you will produce a piece of writing that is so good you will want to publish it. This is when you use your best handwriting or type it up so it is enjoyable and easy for your audience to read.

Q is for Quotes
Whether it is dialogue in a story or a quote from an expert, writers can include quotes in any type of writing. This can be a great strategy to enhance your writing.

R is for Revise
It is important to go back and revise your first draft. You might want to add some detail, take away a boring part, or move something to another part of the text. Your draft will improve if you revise.

S is for Small Moments
When you are writing a story, keep it focused on a small moment. You don't want to tell about your entire summer vacation. That would be boring. Focus in on your exciting roller coaster ride at Disney.

T is for Transitions
Transitions can help move the reader through your writing. When you include transition words, it lets the reader know you are moving to another topic, idea, or scene in the story.

U is for Usage
Usage refers to all the grammar rules of the English language. When you are writing, you want it to make sense. Make sure you are following all the grammar rules that you have learned.

V is for Vivid Verbs
Vivid verbs can really help the reader picture what is happening. Make sure you are specific about what actions are taking place in your writing and be precise with your verbs.

W is for Word Choice
Word choice can really make or break your writing. Be specific and exact about the words you use.

X is for Expository
Strong writers know how to write expository texts. Expository texts usually explain something.

Y is for Your Voice
You are the only one who can write like you. Make sure your voice shines through in your writing. You want your writing to sound like you wrote it.
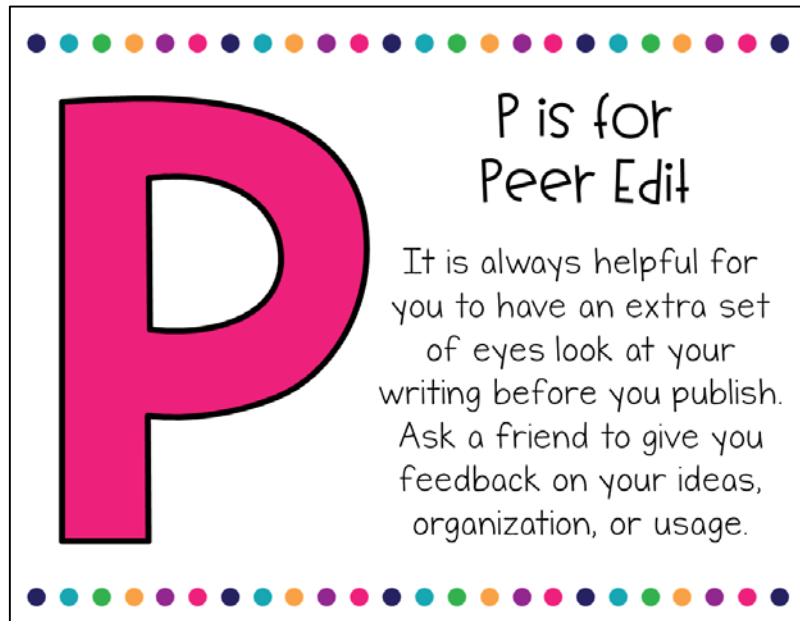
Z is for Zazzy
Writing should be fun. Make your writing shiny and flashy. Make it represent you and all the stories you have to tell. Make your writing zazzy.

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What's Included?

Full Size Posters

- Horizontal 8.5x11 Paper
- Includes a brief description for each reading strategy or skill
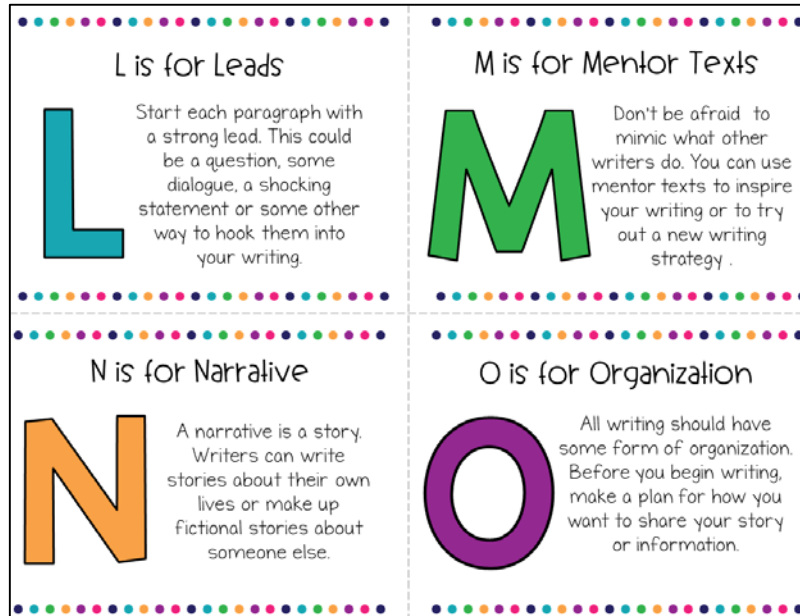- Works great as a classroom display or bulletin board.

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Quarter Page Posters

- 4 posters on a 8.5x11 page
- Includes a brief description for each reading strategy or skill
- Works great as a strategy ring at a small group table
- Display on a focus or strategy wall

Includes 3 Different Color Options

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- Bold Bright Colors

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