

Bibliography of Children’s Literature for Advanced Expository Writing

Using Literature to Support Your Writing Program

Writers of all ages are inspired by the work of other writers. An important component of any classroom writing program is the sharing of examples of writing by professional authors. You may wish to read these examples to the students and discuss them within the context of the genre being studied, or you may offer them as independent reading selections. While some students are reading independently, you can conference with others who need help during the editing and proofreading process.

Adams, Barbara. *The Picture Life of Bill Cosby*. The book is a solid glimpse into the life of comedian Bill Cosby. Background information, photographs, and significant dates in the actor’s life make up this brief biography.

Crossingham, John. *Football in Action*. This book is a great overview of football basics. It covers offense, defense, running the ball, passing, receiving, blocking, punting, tackling, rules, and penalties. There is also a glossary of football terms as well as an index.

Crossingham, John. *Skateboarding in Action*. This exciting and well-illustrated reference book includes a complete range of instructions for beginning to advanced skateboarders. Clear, easy-to-follow steps describe each trick in detail.

Healy, Dennis. *The Illustrated Rules of Baseball*. This book explains the rules and regulations of baseball. The text includes illustrations, a rules summary, and a glossary of baseball terms.

Hughes, Dean and Tom. *Baseball Tips*. For advanced writers seeking a more comprehensive discussion of baseball, this book includes detailed tips and illustrations that show how to improve as a player.

King, Daniel. *Chess: From First Moves to Checkmate*. This book breaks down the complicated game of chess into a set of basic rules and tips. Included in the text are illustrations, a brief history of the game, training exercises, special moves and attacks, a glossary, and a list of resources.

Skira-Venturi, Rosabianca. *A Weekend With Leonardo da Vinci*. Written from the perspective of the legendary artist, this book is a fascinating biography. It examines some of Leonardo’s most famous paintings and suggests what may have motivated him to paint each one.

Stanley, Diane, and Peter Vennema. *Cleopatra*. This biography of Cleopatra’s rise to and fall from power in ancient Egypt includes notes on ancient sources, maps, an epilogue, a pronunciation guide, and a bibliography of sources.

Sullivan, George. *All about Soccer*. This interesting and thorough book provides a great overview of soccer. Topics include the field and equipment, goalkeeping, rules, soccer skills, offense, defense, and the World Cup.

Withers, Tom. *Basketball: How to Play the All-Star Way*. This book provides beginners with a history of basketball as well as clear instructions and illustrations of training and conditioning exercises.