

Becoming a Better Writer Using the Simple 6™

By Kay Davidson

Becoming a Better Writer Using the Simple 6™ by author Kay Davidson is an excellent book. As a fifth grade teacher, my students are required to take the Fifth Grade Writing Assessment in the beginning of the second semester (sometime between the months of February and March). This book will be very instrumental in increasing my students' writing scores.

Kay Davidson does a wonderful job of displaying all the necessary material and information to give students a solid foundation for fun, creative, interesting, and entertaining written pieces. I like the fact that she has included checklists, rubrics, writing prompts, and a step-by-step, nine-week program for writing in her book. It is an exceptional piece of work.

I also like the fact that she incorporates writing across the curriculum, as well as writing samples that are inclusive of teacher commentary. She also includes strategies for revising student work including small group, triple trade off, partner revision, and self-evaluation. Ms. Davidson even went as far as incorporating an example of a school improvement plan along with the role of school administrators, teachers, parents, and the community.

I really enjoyed this book and look forward to using it with my fifth grade students next year to assist in raising their Writing Assessment scores.

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