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# Excellence in Writing

An effective method for teaching writing skills

## Quick Start Guide

Suggestions for getting started using the Student Writing Intensive (SWI)



### 1. Open the “SWI Instructions & Lesson Plans, Student Handouts” packet.

Read the Teacher Instructions which explain what is contained in the SWI and suggestions regarding how to plan your time. Overall, you will simply put all the handouts in a file and then follow the Teacher directions for each lesson.

### 2. Watch the Student Writing Intensive discs with your student

Each lesson indicates what portion of the disc to watch at each sitting. After the lesson, use the checklists to complete the assignment. Extra practice assignments are also provided.

Some lessons do not require additional viewing of a lesson, but rather provide extra practice with your leading the student in the writing lesson instead of the disc.

### 3. After finishing the SWI

At the end of the Student Writing Intensive lessons are suggestions on how you can continue to use this program to teach writing to your students.

### Suggested: Teaching Writing: Structure and Style

The Student Writing Intensive is based on our seminar for the teacher, *Teaching Writing: Structure and Style* (TWSS). To aid teachers who have this resource, there are suggestions for which portion of the TWSS to watch as you progress through the SWI. This is suggested, but not required.

If you feel like you need more information as a teacher on how to teach writing, you may wish to purchase *Teaching Writing: Structure and Style*.

### Support

Excellence in Writing offers online support forums for teachers and homeschooling parents, so check out the Support section of the Excellence in Writing website at [www.excellenceinwriting.com](http://www.excellenceinwriting.com)