

# Rise Up & Write!

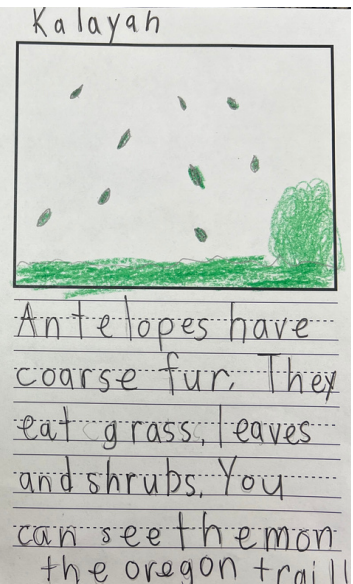
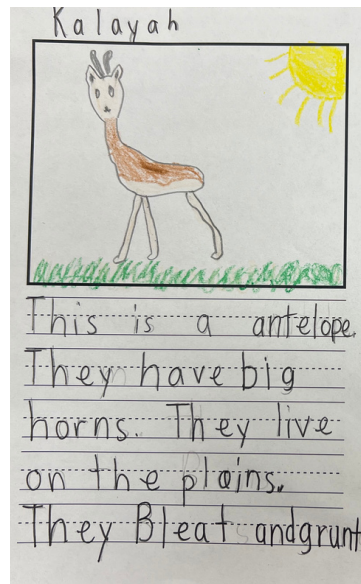
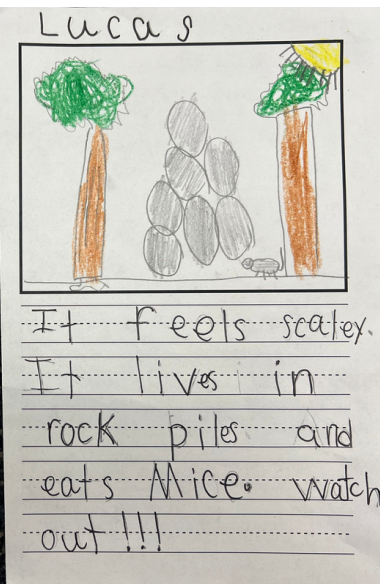
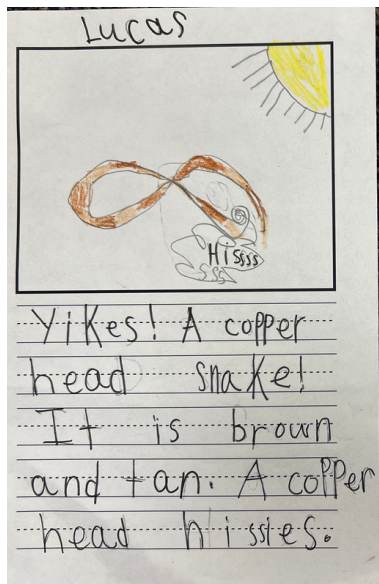
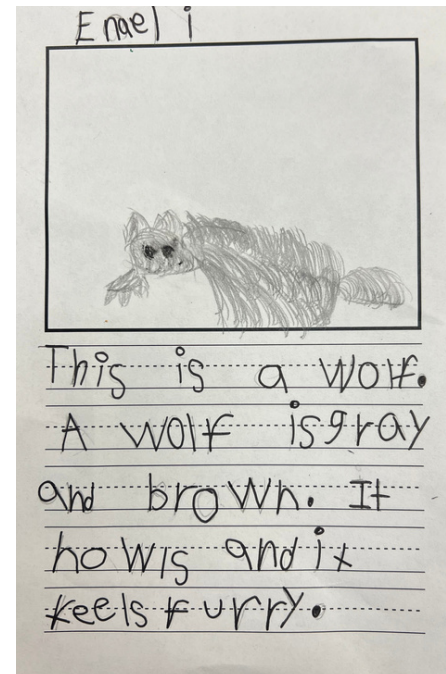
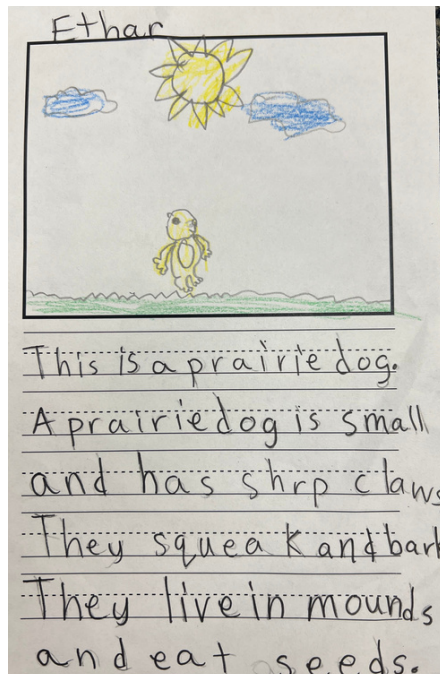


## WELCOME!

AJLA "Rise Up & Write" is a space for students of all ages to celebrate the writing that they have been working on at school. From building foundational literacy skills to practicing creative writing-AJLA students cover it all! Please enjoy our class writing features, each displaying developmentally appropriate technique through drawing, letter formation, and spelling. Nurturing the progress of skills is our goal- not perfection!

### First Grade

First Graders have been reading research texts about animals to practice their note taking and identification of nonfiction text features. Using their five senses as guides, students noted important information to describe the appearances, habitats, and diets of animals that pioneers may have seen on the Oregon Trail. They learned that pioneers on the trail took notes in their journals to share their experiences encountering new plants, animals, and people. Students compiled their notes to create informational animal reports to add to their very own exploration journals!



# Fourth/Fifth East & West

The Fourth Graders have been working on informational reports about Medieval Times. They selected a topic, did research, collected notes, and organized their thinking in outlines. They put it all together in a draft, which they edited and revised. After all that, they were able to type up the final version and add images to accompany their writing! Here you can see some of the different stages of our writing process.

## Medieval Farming

By Mia

I hear the cows mowing. I smell the manure. I taste the fresh milk. I see our crops doing well. I pet the baby calves. Medieval farming was way different from now. Do you want to know all the different kinds of jobs Medieval farmers had to deal with? Let's learn more.

Do you want to hear about what tools farmers needed to grow food? Farmers used a sickle for harvesting. They used a wooden pitchfork for lifting hay. They used a billhook for maintaining hedges. This shows what kind of tools farmers needed to grow foods.



One important thing farmers needed to keep track of is their three farm systems. The first field system was sown with wheat in the winter. The second field system was sown with rye barley in the spring. The third field system was left fallow or empty to recover. This shows they had to keep track of the three farms.



Have you ever played medieval sport, medieval sport is so fun. There are so many ways to knock the knights down. In jousting you have to ride a horse. Jousting was invented in late 11th century. Jousting is from France. In jousting you have to defeat people. This shows that jousting is dangerous and exciting.

By Miguel

I smell the pork from the high table. Then watch the server check if the food's poisoned. I hear the juggler dropping his juggling balls then I touch my knife and cut my meat. This is a medieval feast.

By Sophia

Have you ever thought about what Medieval lords had for entertainment? Jugglers would make people laugh while they were eating. Singers would sing the lords' favorite songs. Games would be played sometimes, like they would play chess, dice and cards. This shows that entertainment for medieval lords were jugglers, singers and games.



## Famous Knights

By Azucena

One important knight was Rodrigo Diaz also known as El Cid. He helped the Christians win over the Muslims. In Castile, Diaz worked for two kings. Diaz was a fighter hired. He was fighting for Spain and other countries. This shows El Cid was a fighter and a knight.

The Fifth Graders showed off their knowledge of medieval knights and castles with a short writing piece about why they were important. They collected evidence from their reading and explained their thinking!

Castles were important in the Middle Ages because you can have an advantage on the attackers and see them before they attack and hide and have more resources. The text says high ground protects everybody. This shows that castles were important in the Middle Ages. The text also says you can find more resources in the castles. This shows that when my castle is under siege, I can live longer!

By David

Do you think knights were important in medieval times? I think they were important because they fought for their lords and kings and protected the castle. The text says "knights protected the castle." The text also said "knights or squires helped inside the castle for example cooking, providing food etc." This shows knights were very protective and useful.

By Pedro

# Third Grade

To celebrate Black History Month, Third Graders have studied influential Black figures throughout time. We recently spent time learning about the artist, activist, and storyteller, Faith Ringgold. She is famous for creating story quilts, often depicting her time growing up in Harlem. Third Graders were inspired by her story, "Tar Beach," and created their own writing about a place they would like to "fly over" and make theirs forever.



## Single-Paragraph Outline

Topic Sentence (T.S.) I, Dominic Bailey, 9 years old and in third grade would fly over my cousin's house and make it mine forever.

1. Christmas and Thanksgiving - food  
2. happy watching my cousins grandma cook  
3. Smelling the chicken and rice

Concluding Sentence (C.S.) I feel happy and calm when I am there.

## Single-Paragraph Outline

Topic Sentence (T.S.) I, Kalia Cunningham 9 years old in third grade would fly over to Jamaica Beach.

1. the sand feels like soft  
2. it sounds like kids playing around and  
3. the ocean looks so real and

Concluding Sentence (C.S.) Overall the Jamaica Beach is amazing, making me feel happy.

I, Dominic Bailey, Nine years old and in the third grade, would fly over my cousin's house and make it my forever home. During holidays like Christmas and Thanksgiving, we have different foods from time to time. I like watching my cousins grandma cooking the food. Smelling the sweet delicious food is what I like to do when it's almost done.



I feel happy and calm when I am at my cousin's house with my family.

I Kalia Cunningham, 9 Years old and in the third grade, would fly over to Jamaica Beach and make it mine forever. Jamaica Beach feels soft, warm and cozy. Jamaica Beach sounds like kids playing and screaming so loud.



The ocean looks so clear and light blue that I could see the seashells. Overall, me feel happy.

Second Grade

In Second Grade, students are learning about Ancient Egypt! They have learned lots of facts about the building of the Great Pyramids, the invention of shadow clocks, and the importance of the Nile River to the Ancient Egyptians. Third Graders will be learning about Egypt and the continent of Africa this coming month, so Second Graders decided to write letters to teach Third Grade what they have learned!

Dear Eriel,

I am in Ancient Egypt! you won't believe it but it took 20 years to build the Great Pyramid. I saw the Nile River it is the biggest river in the world. Hieroglyphs are how they write. They invented clocks, paper from papyrus and a calendar. This is why you should come to Ancient Egypt.

Brittany

Dear Ms. Patty,

I am in Egypt. There is lots of sand. Did you know the Nile River it floods every year. It took 20 years to make Great Pyramid. The pyramid blocks are made out of limestone. I saw Queens and Kings. I saw pharaohs. I saw hieroglyphs.

Love  
Amelia

Dear Breann,

Did you know that there are 138 different pyramids in Egypt? I am in Egypt fishing on the Nile. Did you know the Nile River flows south to North, how cool! see you soon!

Love,  
Nate

### FEBRUARY WORD SEARCH

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