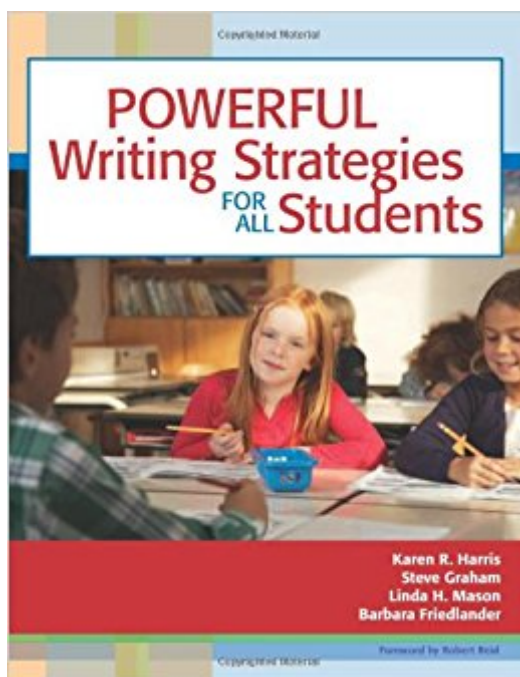


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# Powerful Writing Strategies For All Students



## Synopsis

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Strategies for Composition and Self-Regulation; Teaching Every Child Every Day: Learning in Diverse Schools and Classrooms; Teaching Every Adolescent Every Day; Spell It-Write (a spelling program for children in grades K through 9); and the upcoming Handbook of Writing Research. Dr. Graham's research has focused mainly on identifying the factors that contribute to the development of writing difficulties; the development and validation of effective procedures for teaching planning, revising, and the mechanics of writings to struggling writers; and the use of technology to enhance writing performance and development. Dr. Linda H. Mason has a joint appointment in the Department of Educational Psychology, Counseling, and Special Education and the Children, Youth, and Families Consortium at The Pennsylvania State University. Prior to completing her Ph.D., Dr. Mason taught special education in an inclusive public elementary school for six years. She has been awarded two U.S. Department of Education grants focusing on reading comprehension and writing intervention for low-achieving students. Dr. Mason serves on six editorial boards, including journals focused on research-to-practice. At Penn State, she teaches courses in literacy for students with special needs, curriculum development, reading and writing methods, assessment, and effective instruction. Dr. Mason was awarded the Council for Exceptional Children, Division of Research Distinguished Early Career Award in 2011 and a Fulbright Scholarship to teach in Hungary in fall 2011.

This is one of my favorite books. I finally bought it after repeatedly renewing it from my library. The strategies are easy to implement across several of grade levels (I have used this with special education and regular education students as young as second grade and up to seventh grade). There are a variety of strategies that can be adapted to meet the needs of most writing challenges in the classroom. It has everything you need to explicitly teach the elements of good writing and can be used throughout a student's school career. This doesn't just give theory, but provides the necessary materials and lessons to implement easily in the classroom.

Loving this book! I read a study which found the SRSD to be most efficient over other programs. The study I read was used with students who have Asperger's but upon reading it, it's obvious how this is an excellent resource for all students. The book is well structured so you can tag areas and keep it as a ready to use resource in your office/class.

This well written guide to self regulated strategy development (SRSD) provides the teacher a clear description of how to integrate a systematic, but not cook-book, writing strategy instructional block

into the classroom. I really like how the text is written to be digestible. Reading a five hundred page text is not what this book is about. It is about getting the information to teachers. Yes, the research is there, but it is plainly stated and well contextualized. There are a ton of lesson plans/ideas in the whole second part of the book. This is proving to be an excellent resource for the design of my class' writing strategy instruction. I highly recommend it for any K-12 teacher teaching writing.

I love this book and bought it for all my -4 grade ELA teachers. I would give it 5 stars, but the section on expository writing is lacking. The narrative, opinion sections are fantastic.

For anyone who wants some guidance in teaching writing to students, this is a helpful tool. I have been tutoring 2 third grade students this summer using the strategies and they are improving weekly.

The book is an excellent resource of writing strategies that can be used with children in the middle as well as in high school. I use it for my students on the Autism spectrum & Dyslexia.

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I bought this for a special education writing class. It has some amazing ideas and printables for teaching written expression to all ages. These are also useful with ESL students. SRSD is a well-researched and effective writing strategy.

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