Writing Steps to Success

Writing Steps to Success teaches the techniques necessary to complete a writing piece with accuracy and confidence. The step by step design builds on success and mastery.

How many students do you have that make numerous mistakes when asked to respond to a prompt in writing? The mistakes might include: spelling, word choice, sentence structure, lack of detail, off topic, and, in some cases, many more. Changes in writing will only occur when the areas of weakness are targeted and remediated. The question becomes, where do we start? If you try to correct all the mistakes at one time, confusion and frustration abound. Students tend to shy away from writing because they do not want to see all the "red circles" or "marks" indicating their writing is poor. We need to examine our writing instruction. There are many programs to improve student writing. These programs teach students how to make their writing come alive by focusing on various traits of good writers. These programs work for students who are writers. The problem we face is with students who do not write. In this situation, we are putting the cart before the horse. We need to teach how to actually write and then improve on that ability. *Writing Steps to Success* is designed to teach students how to write, starting with one word and building to a complete story. The writing process is taught and used from the very first step. Each step explicitly teaches the basic skills needed to complete the step. Students master the skills at each level before moving forward. The program is designed to move laterally to build understanding and mastery and vertically to add new skills as students work toward a completed piece of writing.

Writing Steps to Success is not a new way of writing but rather a new way to teach how to write, one step at a time.