

Publishing (Go Green, Go Home) Practice Activities

Publishing Activity Part 1

Below is an example of a writing piece, which travelled through all the phases of the writing process. Your task is to read through each of the stages and take a look at how the writing evolved, from an initial list of writing ideas to an organizational web, then through its two drafts, and finally, to its published phase. It is important to see how writing develops over time. By viewing these developmental stages, you will see the importance that time, opportunity, trusted friends, and thinking have in making a writing piece better.

Review - Go Green or Go Home

Publishing is sharing your finished work, whether it's read, viewed, or heard by another person. Publishing completes the act of writing.

Skillful authors ask themselves the following questions as they prepare to publish their final piece of writing:

- What is my purpose for publishing?
What method of publication would best fulfill my purpose?
Who is my audience for this type of publication?
What rules or guidelines do I need to follow?
Publishing a piece of work, whether it is read, viewed, or heard, requires the writing to be taken to its highest potential.

Publishing Activity Part 2

Now it's your turn to publish one of the pieces of writing you have done. Take a few minutes and choose one of the writing pieces you have done (For example, one of your favorite sports, one of your favorite activities, a topic you are passionate about, a funny story that happened to you or another person, an animal facing extinction, a trip you have taken, or a miraculous event). Next, inform a family member or trusted friend that you are going to be giving a speech that presents the writing piece to them.

As you begin to prepare your piece for publishing, ask yourself the following questions:

1. What is my purpose for publishing? (Authors write to inform, entertain, persuade, express ideas or feelings, explain, evaluate, etc.). Your purpose influences your publishing decisions.
2. What method of publication would best fulfill my purpose? A writer's work can be published several ways, from hanging a paper on the refrigerator, delivering a speech to others, or submitting a manuscript to an editor. The important thing is to choose the mode of publication that delivers your message most effectively.
3. Who is my audience for this type of publication? Skillful authors consider their audience. They realize that a method of publication, which is appropriate for one audience, may be ineffective and inappropriate for another.
4. What rules or guidelines do I need to follow? Many publications have guidelines and limitations regarding format, length requirements, and

Remember, that publication requires writing and speaking to be taken to its highest level. Make sure to practice reading your writing a few times before delivering your speech. Finally, when you are ready, deliver your speech to your audience.