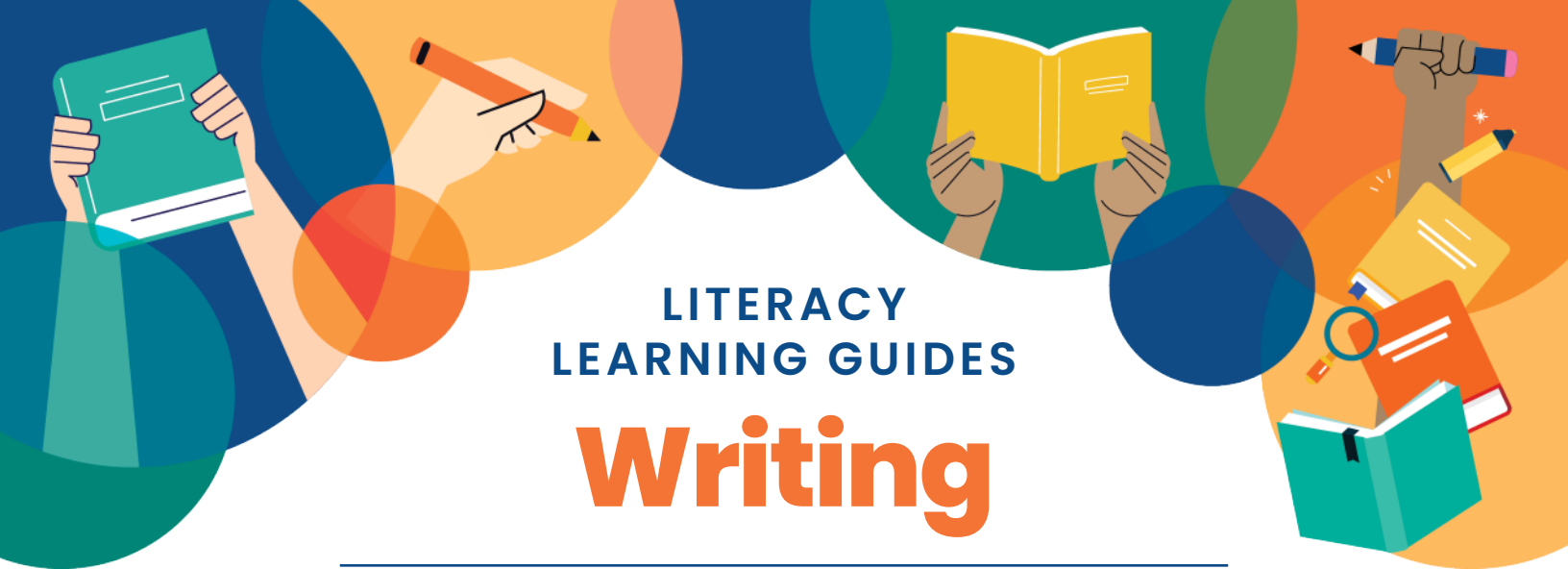




LITERACY LEARNING GUIDES

Writing

Getting started with writing

Remind writers to include the **Essential Three**

A BEGINNING: A good beginning grabs the reader's attention and identifies the topic or text.

A MIDDLE: This is the bulk of the writing. The middle explains ideas with details. This should be the "longest" part of the writing.

AN END: Writing should close with a final point, feeling, or thought.



Help writers plan details with **Grocery-List Pre-Writes**

Before starting a writing assignment, have your child make a "grocery list" of details related to the topic. These will be the specific words and phrases he will include within his draft. Then, before he begins writing, have him number the listed details to create a logical flow of information. This ensures his writing is on topic and organized.

Show writers how to **Track Sources**

Your child is learning how to gather information from multiple sources/texts. However, she may need some help keeping track of what specific information came from which text. You can do this with a simple chart.

Text Title	Information collected

