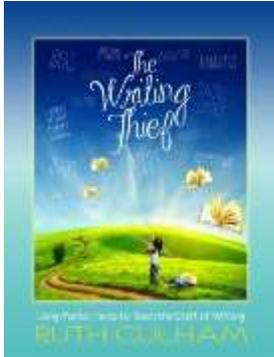




The Writing Thief: Using Mentor Texts to Teach the Craft of Writing

The Writing Thief takes using mentor texts in new directions and with new purposes. It has wonderfully insightful passages about using reading to teach writing from well-known authors. It has over 90 books and everyday text citations



and teaching ideas organized by mode (narrative, information, opinion/argument) and by the four key qualities of each trait (ideas, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, conventions, and presentation). It has updated writing research and thought about the Common Core State Standards.

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Source: *The Writing Thief*

Tips:

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“Ruth's beloved easy-going style and friendly tone make this a book you'll turn to again and again as you guide your students to reach their full potential as deep, thoughtful readers and great writers.

There's a writing thief in each of us when we learn how to read with a writer's eye!”

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