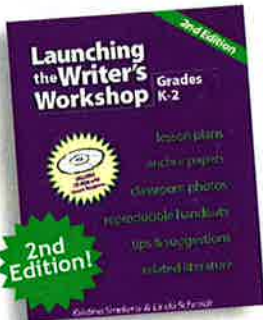




# Smekens Education Originals

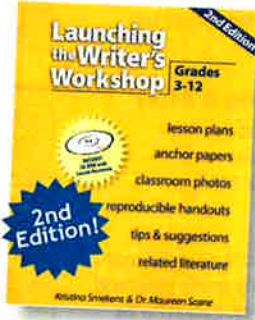
## Best Selling Titles



**Launching the Writer's Workshop: Grades K-2 (2nd Edition)**

By Kristina Smekens & Linda Schmidt

Item number: 978-0-9790186-6-4  
Price: \$20



**Launching the Writer's Workshop: Grades 3-12 (2nd Edition)**

By Kristina Smekens & Dr. Maureen Scane

Item Number: SM 978-0-9790186-5-7  
Price: \$20

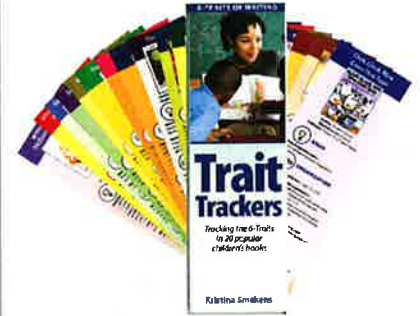
### Launching the Writer's Workshop

This resource targets the heart of what every teacher wants for the initial weeks of school:

1. Strategies to establish the writer's workshop environment through routines, procedures, and expectations.
2. Methods to define the ingredients of "good writing" so everyone is using a common language.
3. Foundation-building mini-lesson ideas that teach students how to craft stronger writing.

#### Each lesson includes:

- A purpose and rationale for the lesson.
- A list of resources and teacher preparation required before delivering the lesson.
- A detailed description of the lesson execution.
- Suggestions for utilizing writing samples or mentor text to support the lesson.
- Follow-up activities that relate to the initial lesson.
- A CD of student writing samples and blackline masters that support each lesson.



### Trait Trackers

Tracking the 6 Traits in 20 popular children's books

By Kristina Smekens

Item Number: SM116 Price: \$15

This resource consists of 20 bookmark-size cards that help teachers:

- Use children's books to teach the 6 Traits of writing during read alouds.
- Develop skill-based mini-lessons using selected children's books.
- Utilize book excerpts that support individual traits.

#### Track the Traits in these popular titles:

*Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type; Come On, Rain; Diary of a Worm; Fancy Nancy; Fireflies!; Harriet, You'll Drive Me Wild!; Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse; Mystery of Eaton Hall; Napping House; Night Noises; Piggie Pie; Polar Express; Rattletrap Car; Recess Queen; The Relatives Came; Root Beer and Banana; Saturday Night at the Dinosaur Stomp; Saturdays and Teacakes; When Sophie Gets Angry — Really, Really, Angry . . . ; Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge*

### ABC Poster

Item Number: SM105  
Price: \$2 each

This colorful poster includes each letter of the alphabet and space for the topic or concept in the center. It is an excellent tool for generating details before writing, targeting specific word choice, reviewing content-area material before a test, and more.

Teachers love to laminate this 18x24" poster for easy write on/wipe off functionality.



### The Trait Mate: 6-Traits Starter Lessons

20 Mini-Lessons to Jump Start Your Writing Trait Teaching  
by Kristina Smekens

Item Number: SM100 Price: \$14.99 (New lower price!)

Get started teaching writing with the 6 Traits with this collection of 20 classroom-tested mini-lessons that target some of the most common weaknesses plaguing K-8 student writing. Each single-page concept features a lesson plan, a corresponding resource page, activities for an independent student writing, group-share ideas.



## Parent Involvement



### Reading Parent Pack

by Multiple authors

With this book, teachers in K-6 can facilitate parent involvement with more than 100 pages of family-friendly activities that are ready to be photocopied and sent home. The *Reading Parent Pack* is designed to engage parents in discussions and activities that are directly tied to what their child is learning about in reading.

Item Number: 0-9790186-0-9  
Price: \$20



### Parent Strategy Cards

Each of the three Parent Strategy Cards is designed to be a quick reference and "idea generator" that parents can use every day to develop skills in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and writing. These colorful 8.5" x 5.5" cards make for a great giveaway during parent nights and open houses!

#### Reading Comprehension

By Kristina Smekens  
Item Number: SM109  
Price: \$.40 each

#### Expanding Vocabulary

By Kristina Smekens  
Item Number: SM110  
Price: \$.40 each

#### Writing

By Kristina Smekens  
Item Number: SM111  
Price: \$.40 each

### Vocabulary Spiral Card

By Kristina Smekens  
Item Number: SM118  
Price: \$1 each

With this strategy card, teachers can choose from 20 different activities designed to help build mastery of content vocabulary. Appropriate for all grade levels, the Vocabulary Spiral card can help teachers keep vocab studies varied, but on-target.



### Before, During & After Reading Card

By Kristina Smekens  
Item Number: SM119  
Price: \$1 each

This strategy card is a terrific tool for teachers at any grade level and in any subject area. Packed with ideas on how to build comprehension, this card includes dozens of strategies for before reading, during reading, and after reading.



### Question-Answer-Response Card

By Kristina Smekens  
Item Number: SM120  
Price: \$1 each

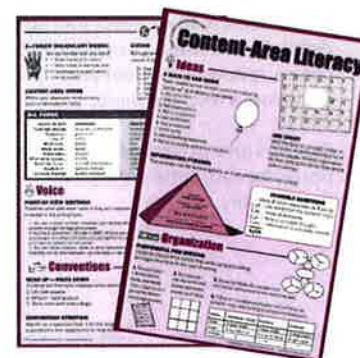
This two-sided teacher strategy card focuses on developing strong comprehension questions after reading. This tool focuses on tapping into background knowledge, drawing original conclusions, finding specific information within the text, and connecting key points.



### Content-Area Literacy Card

By Kristina Smekens  
Item Number: SM121  
Price: \$1 each

This teacher strategy card offers trait-based methods to incorporate writing in any content area. Whether it's used to support a science lesson in the first grade classroom, or an algebra lesson in a high school class, this card can be used by teachers at every level.

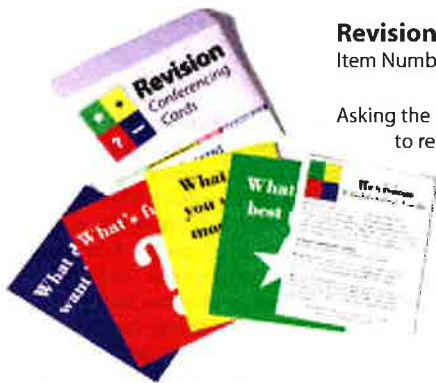


All strategy cards are printed on 8.5 x 5.5 durable card stock.

### Revision Conferencing Cards

Item Number: SM106 Price: \$3/set

Asking the right questions can cause writers to re-enter their drafts and ultimately strengthen them. The Revision Conferencing Cards provide those questions, making it easy for the teacher or a peer to direct a writer to the portions of his work that need more attention. The set of 4 cards comes with instructions that outline how to best use this valuable tool.



### I've Been Smekened!

#### T-Shirt

Item Number: SM153  
Price: \$5 each

To celebrate what you're learning from Kristina, why not wear it on your sleeve? Our Smekened T-shirt lets you show off your new expertise!



### Conferencing Sand Timers

Item Number: SM107  
Price: \$3 each

This three-minute sand timer helps teachers manage writer conferences by keeping conversations short and focused.



### Writing Mini-Lesson Labels

By Kristina Smekens  
Item Number: SM150  
Price: \$6/set

A set of Writing Mini-Lesson Labels includes 6 oversized labels, one per trait. The sticker serves as a table of contents. As you find ideas and strategies for different writing skills, you can check off the skills on the labels. You'll have a handy checklist of what you have and what you need. Product consists of six 8.5 x 11 full sheet pre-printed labels.



# 6 Traits of Writing

The Smekens  
6-Traits Icons



IDEAS



ORGANIZATION



VOICE



WORD CHOICE



SENTENCE FLUENCY



CONVENTIONS

The Smekens  
6-Traits Icons



## 6-Traits Bookmarks

(Primary Grades)  
Item Number: SM101  
Price: \$6 (set of 30)

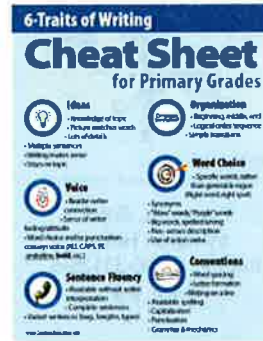
Even the youngest writers incorporate the 6 Traits into their work. The 6-Traits student bookmarks help keep the traits in front of kids with a consistent set of graphic icons to represent each trait. The back side of each bookmark includes an age-appropriate set of "memory joggers" to support each trait.



## 6-Traits Bookmarks

(Upper Grades)  
Item Number: SM102  
Price: \$6 (set of 30)

Emerging writers will come to rely on their 6 Traits bookmarks to self-assess in every stage of the writing process. The 6 Traits student bookmark for upper grades keeps the traits in front of kids with a consistent set of graphic icons to represent each trait. The back side includes an age-appropriate set of "memory joggers" for each trait.



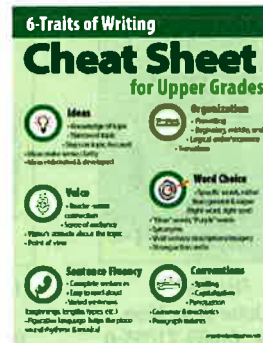
## 6-Traits Cheat Sheet

Item Number: SM103  
Price: \$.50 each

If you are working to implement the 6 Traits within your classroom or school building, then your first goal should be to know the traits yourself.

The 6-Traits Cheat Sheet is the size of a small postcard and includes the key writing trait information for primary grades on one side (blue) and the upper grades on the other side (green).

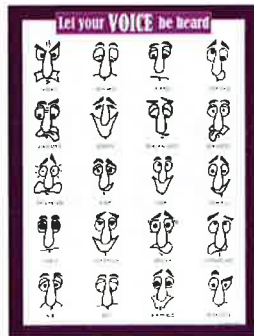
These make for a handy reference tool when reading aloud and conferencing with writers. They keep the traits and the sub-skills right at your fingertips.



## Traits of Writing Poster

Item Number: SM117  
Price: \$2

This 18x24 classroom poster lists the 6 traits of writing, and associates each trait with a graphic icon to help students remember the role of each trait. The graphic icons are the same ones that appear on all other Smekens Education 6-Traits products. The poster comes folded for easy storage.



## Let Your VOICE Be Heard Poster

Item Number: SM108  
Price: \$2

This 18x24 classroom poster includes 20 facial expressions to remind students to utilize feelings in their writing. The poster comes folded for easy storage and is a great complement to our original voice icon.

## Teacher favorite!



## Purple Highlighter

Item Number: SM112  
Price: \$2 each

This hard-to-find tool is great for identifying strong word choice in student writing. Instead of writing "wow word" over and over, simply highlight those words that grab your attention.



## 6-Traits Sticky Notes

Item Number: SM104  
Price: \$3/pad of 100 sheets

Teachers or peers can provide trait-specific comments and compliments to students about their writing with these sticky notes. Each 4x3 sticky note has a wide-open space for notes, compliments, and questions.



## Self-Inking 6-Traits Stamp

Item Number: SM114  
Price: \$20

This handy tool allows teachers to score student papers by using a consistent set of graphic icons (roughly 4 inches by 2 inches).

# Best-selling mentor texts for teaching K-12 writing skills



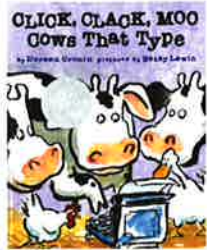
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Tracking the 6-Traits in 20 popular children's books

Writing skills within these titles are dissected in the Trait Trackers!

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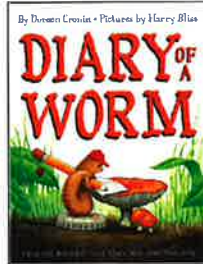
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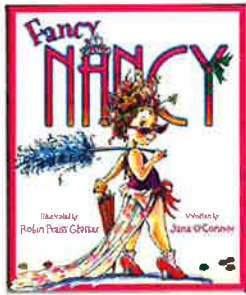
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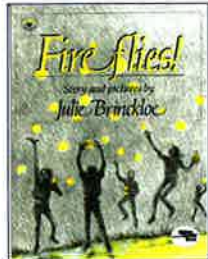
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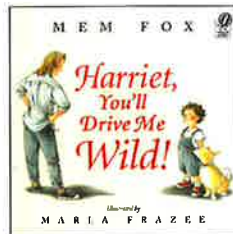
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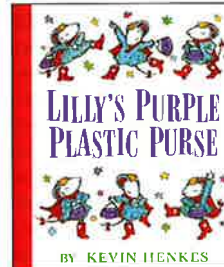
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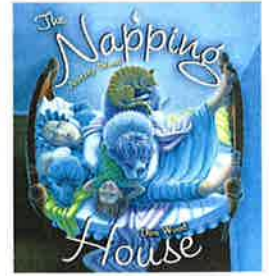
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*Harriet, You'll Drive Me Wild!*  
by Mem Fox  
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*Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*  
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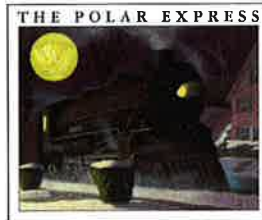
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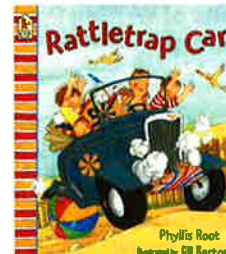
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*Piggie Pie!*  
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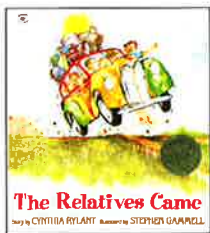
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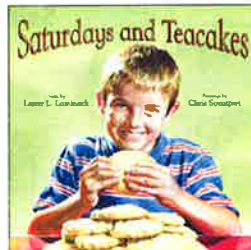
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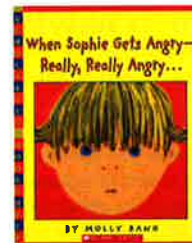
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