Lifting the level of writing instruction matters because writing matters. By helping children write, we help them create lives of meaning and significance.

—Lucy Calkins

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UNIT 3 Writing Reviews: Making and Supporting Claims
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UNIT 1 Mentor Authors and Narrative Craft
UNIT 2 Lab Reports and All-About Books
UNIT 3 Writing About Reading
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