

## Recommended Writing from Sources Book: Grades 3-8

### **Writing About Reading: From Book Talk to Literary Essays, Grades 3-8**

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Janet Angelillo introduces us to an entirely new way of thinking about writing about reading. She shows us how to teach students to manage all the thinking and questioning that precedes their putting pen to paper. More than that, she offers us smarter ways to have students write about their reading that can last them a lifetime. She demonstrates how students' responses to reading can

- start in a notebook, in conversation, or in a read aloud
- lead to thinking guided by literary criticism
- reflect deeper text analysis and honest writing processes
- result in a variety of popular genres--book reviews, author profiles, commentaries, editorials, and the literary essay.

She even includes tools for teaching-day-by-day units of study, teaching points, a sample minilesson, and lots of student examples-plus chapters on yearlong planning and assessment.

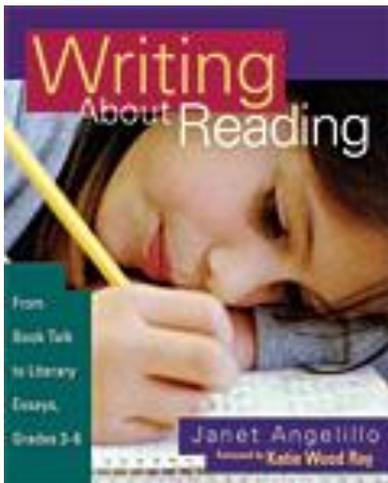
Ensure that your students will be readers and writers long after they leave you. Get them enthused and empowered to use whatever they read-facts, statistics, the latest book--as fuel for writing in school and in their working lives.

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Chapter 1

<http://www.heinemann.com/shared/onlineresources/E00578/chapter1.pdf>



About five years ago, I read a book called "The Prey" written by a renowned science fiction author Michael Crichton. It was quite a long read, more or less 400 pages, about nanotechnology and its danger to human life. It was such a gripping novel and the plot was so unique and unpredictable. I commend the author for coming up with such a well-written piece that I didn't even realize I have been reading for hours. I want to read it again to see whether after few years, I have already improved my reading skills enough to understand more about the book. Part 3: Discussion. Do you prefer reading a physical book or its digital version? Although I still love printed books, I am quite a practical person so these days I prefer to read digital books.