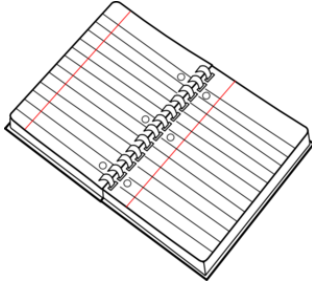




Family Writing Connections

Grade 4 Unit 4: Bringing History to Life



- **Create** text features that underscore the main message of a piece of writing
- **Decide** which vocabulary words to incorporate
- **Generate** life lessons from their topics
- **Generate** questions and then **hypothesize** and **research** answers to those questions
- **Integrate** information from texts in a way that feels purposeful and organic
- **Edit** their writing before publication with a focus on the unique way that historical writers use punctuation

Overview:

Students will continue to strengthen their information writing skills as they explore the American Revolution. In addition, students will bridge reading and writing as they learn how to research informational texts in order to write a short book that includes an overview of the American Revolution, as well as a few chapters about a subtopic that may include other genres of writing, such as essays or narrative stories.

In this unit, Students will:

- **Introduce** a topic and group related information
- **Develop** the topic, **elaborating** with some facts, definitions, and details
- **Organize** their writing in more sophisticated ways, such as including headings and subheadings
- **Draw** evidence from texts to support **analysis, reflection, and research**
- **Choose** a logical structure to help readers understand the most important information in their pieces
- **Incorporate** increasingly sophisticated transition words and phrases in a purposeful way
- **Clarify** and bring out the structure in their writing
- **Present** important information through the use of historical details, text features, and quotations

Ways to help at home:

- Encourage your child to research topics of interest related to the American Revolution, using the Newsela Text Set on the Revolutionary War and other sources, such as videos and websites.

See attached Writing Rubric and Exemplars for this Unit:

- Fourth Grade Information Writing Checklist
- Exemplar: *English Bulldogs*

New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSL):

Please refer to Morris School District Rubicon Atlas Website to view standards specific to this unit.

