4th Grade - SIM Writing Overview

CA Common Core Writing Standards	SIM Writing Strategy	DVTs	Common Vocabulary	Resources	Grade Level Mastery
Opinion				ReadWorks.org	- Compose a
W.4.1a Introduce the topic or text clearly, state an opinion, and create					variety of texts
an organizational structure in which					(opinion, informative/
related ideas are grouped to support					explanatory,
the writer's purpose					narrative) with a
W.4.1b: Provide reasons that		- Message + 2 Reasons		_	topic sentence,
supported by facts and details.		"Rapunzel"			detail sentence,
supported by facts and actums.		Message-Reasons/Detail			and clincher
		"Mufaro's Beautiful			sentence.
		Daughters"			- Demonstrate the
W.4.1c Link opinion and reasons using		Ü			understanding
words and phrases (e.g., for instance,					of transitions in
in order to, in addition).					writing.
W.4.1d Provide a concluding					
statement or section related to the					
opinion presented.					
Informative/explanatory texts		Main Idea Frame			
W.4.2a Introduce a topic and group		"Theodore Roosevelt"			
related information in paragraphs and		Author Reasons &			
sections; include formatting (e.g.		Evidence			
headings), illustrations, and		"Riding For Freedom"			
multimedia when useful to aiding					
comprehension.					
W.4.2b Develop the topic with facts,		Two Sources			
definitions, concrete details,		"U.S. Government"			

quotations, or other information and		
examples related to the topic.		
W.4.2c Link ideas within categories of	Chain Reaction	
information using words and phrases	"How Congress Works"	
(e.g., another, for example, also	"	
because).		
W.4.2d Use precise language and	Author Reasons &	
domain-specific vocabulary to inform	Evidence	
about or explain the topic.	"Riding For Freedom"	
W.4.2e Provide a concluding		
statement or section related to the		
information or explanation presented.		
Narratives	Message -Reasons	
W.4.3a Orient the reader by	"Rapunzel"	
establishing a situation and	"Mufaro's Beautiful	
introducing a narrator and/or	Daughters"	
characters; organize an event		
sequence that unfolds naturally.		
W.4.3b Use dialogue and description	POV-Characters	
to develop experiences and events or	"Small Tall Tale"	
show the response of characters to	"Mrs. Frisby"	
situations.		
W.4.3c Use temporal words and	Story Grammar	
phrases to manage the sequence of	Story Sequence	
events.		
W.4.3d Use concrete words and	Character Analysis	
phrases and sensory details to convey	"Tom, the Great Brain"	
experiences and events precisely.	Setting Description	
	"The Nutcracker"	
W.4.3e Provide a conclusion that		
follows from the narrated experiences		
or events.		
W.4 Produce clear and coherent		
writing (including multiple paragraph		
texts) in which the development and		
organization are appropriate to task,		

numbers and sudiance			
purpose, and audience.			
W.4.5 With guidance and support			
from peers and adults, develop and			
strengthen writing as needed by			
planning, revising, and editing.			
W.4.6 With some guidance and			
support from adults, use technology,			
including the Internet, to produce and			
publish writing as well as to interact			
and collaborate with others;			
demonstrate sufficient command of			
keyboarding skills to type a minimum			
of one page in a single setting.			
W.4.7 Conduct short research projects			
that build knowledge through			
investigation of different aspects of a			
topic.			
W.4.8 Recall relevant information		RAP	
from experiences or gather relevant		Summarizing and	
information from print and digital		Paraphrasing	
sources; take notes, paraphrase, and			
categorize information, and provide a			
list of sources.			
W.4.9a Apply grade 4 Reading			
standards to literature (e.g., Describe			
in depth a character, setting or event			
in a story or drama, drawing on			
specific details in the text [e.g.,			
character's thoughts, words or			
actions]).			
W.4.9b Apply grade 4 Reading			
standards to informational texts (e.g.,			
Explain how an author uses reasons			
and evidence to support particular			
points in a text).			
W.4.10: Write routinely over extended			

time frames (time for research,			
reflection, and revision) and shorter			
time frames (a single setting, or a day			
or two) for a range of discipline-			
specific tasks, purposes, and			
audiences.			

Key: PWS Paragraph Writing Strategy

Questions/Comments: Create/Use DVTs that correspond to 4th grade writing.