

P.R.O.B.E. Book

Prewriting: This first step of a P.R.O.B.E. involves the research and note-taking. Depending on the grade level and ability of your kids, you may or may not have to teach note-taking. Use what ever resource material you have at your disposal - books, magazines, the Internet, encyclopedias - text and electronic. Let the students look and explore various types of resource materials, taking notes from any or all of them.

Writing (Rough Draft): Using the copious notes they have taken, the kids begin putting pencil to paper and develop a two-page (skipping every other line for revising), five paragraph rough draft expository paper on their chosen topic.

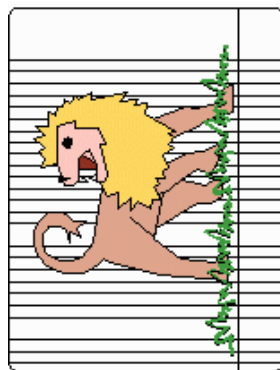
Responding (Sharing): Have the students share their writing with a classmate for constructive input and ideas on content and form. This is not the time for editing - that will come later. Let them share and exchange ideas with a friend.

Revising (Rewriting): After sharing their P.R.O.B.E. rough draft with a classmate, students can then take the new ideas and thoughts and revise their paper. Encourage them to "Respond and Revise" as often as they wish. Once they have it just the way they want, it is time for editing.

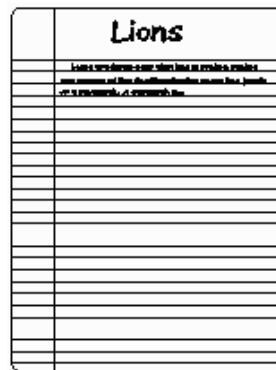
Editing: Editing can be done by the teacher, parent volunteers, or Peer Editors (Class P.E.T.s) in the classroom. To be a Class P.E.T. (Peer Editing Team) a student must prove mastery of the basic conventions of writing, and be willing to help guide a classmate through the editing phase of the process.

Closure (Final Draft): This is where the P.R.O.B.E. Book comes to life. After editing, the student prepares the final draft on the right hand side of **the P.R.O.B.E. Book**. Remind them not to skip lines on the final draft - it has to fit on the one page!

Two-page layout of the inside of a P.R.O.B.E. Book:



Illustration



Final Draft Text

Art Work: This is the last, and for many students, the most fun part of writing a P.R.O.B.E. - drawing the artwork. P.R.O.B.E. Book, it takes that knowledge learned and carries it to the next level.