



# Six Traits and the New ELA TEKS

A Perfect Fit



# Welcome!

## Agenda

- Beverly Jennings ~ Introduction
- Are you using Traits?
- Six Traits Review / Good Writing
- Teaching the Traits
- Linking Traits to TEKS and TAKS
- Making it Work



# Traits of Effective Writing

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- Ideas and Content
- Organization
- Voice
- Word Choice
- Sentence Fluency
- Conventions



# Teaching the Traits

- ➔ You are probably teaching Traits now.
- ➔ Creating a Traits atmosphere in the classroom.
- ➔ How do you know it's working?

# Traits Language and TEKS

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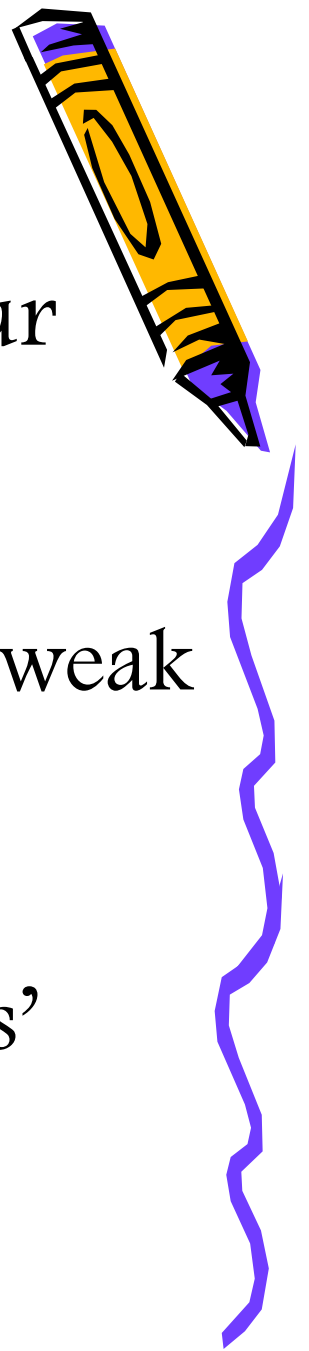
- Finding Traits language in the TEKS writing standards

# Traits Language and TAKS

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- Linking TAKS to the Traits
- Finding Traits language on TAKS writing rubric
- Finding Traits language on TAKS reading rubric

# Making it Work



- Keys to making Six Traits work in your classroom...
  - Use writers' language
  - Read aloud ~ many sources, strong & weak
  - Teach students to be assessors
  - Model writing
  - Practice revision and editing of others' work





## Tips to Teach Traits and Tackle TEKS/TAKS

- ➔ Teach and Practice each Trait
- ➔ Start small...5~7 sentences, 1/2 page, 1 page
- ➔ Use TAKS practice materials






## Tips to Teach Traits and Tackle TEKS/TAKS

- ➔ Develop prompts from literary selections
- ➔ Peer editing/peer evaluation with partner or small group
- ➔ Evaluate TAKS samples and student writing (cover names)



# Tips to Teach Traits and Tackle TEKS/TAKS

- ➔ Read aloud ~ Children's books, essays, literary selections. Model author's style, structure/organization, key elements, purpose, sensory details.



# Tips to Teach Traits and Tackle TEKS/TAKS

➔ Write all year...Practice, practice, practice!! (Journals, pre~reading, post~reading, summarize a lesson, modeling...)

# Traits, TEKS, and TAKS

- Questions?
- Have a great year...  
and don't forget to Write!

