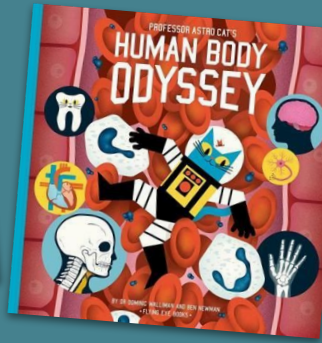
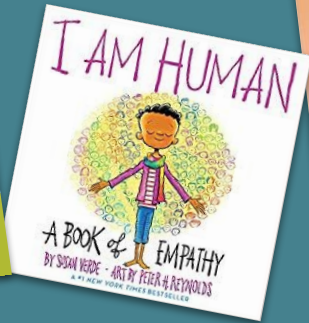


# USING MENTOR TEXTS TO PROMOTE WRITING

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# WHAT IS A MENTOR?



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- Using a book to model high quality writing
- Learning to write from what we read



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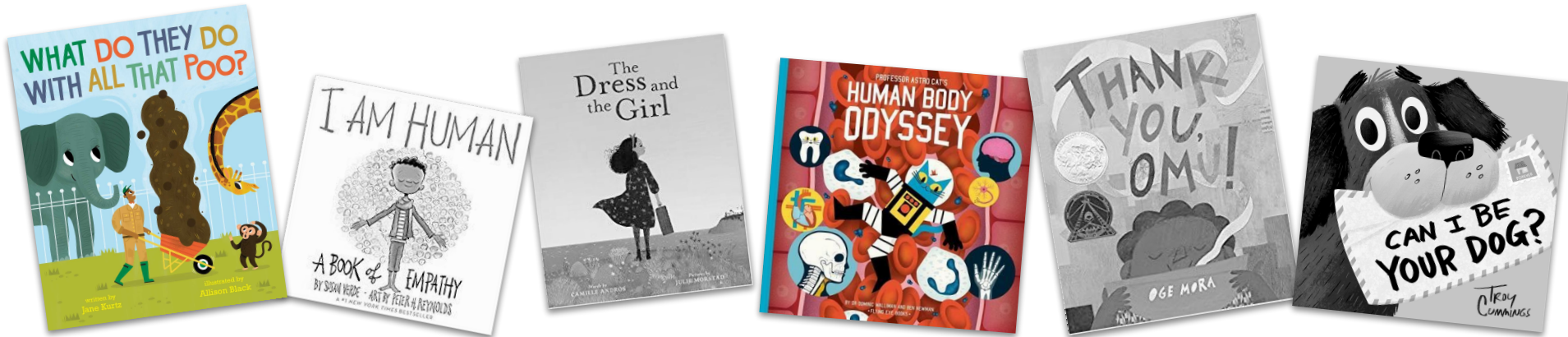
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- Read for **ENJOYMENT!**
- Read aloud together with your child (increased engagement).
- Process what you loved and why!
- Pay attention to the details in order to learn to “read like a writer.”
- How does the text inspire you to write?



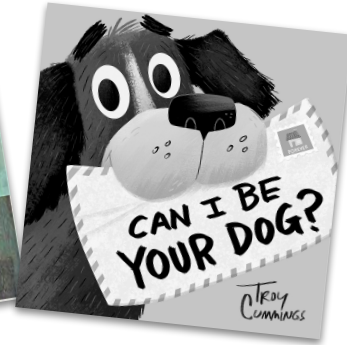
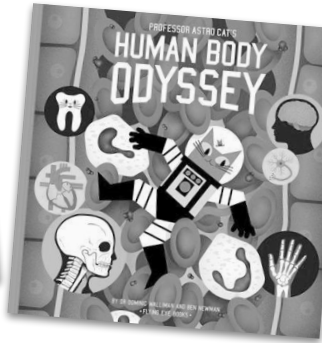
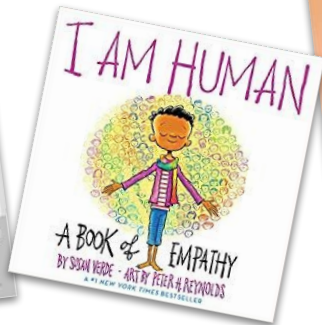
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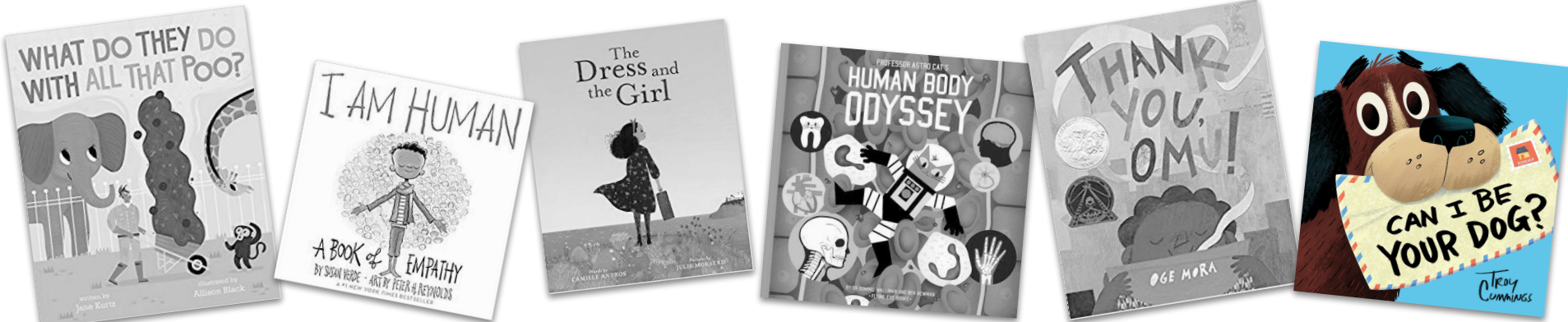
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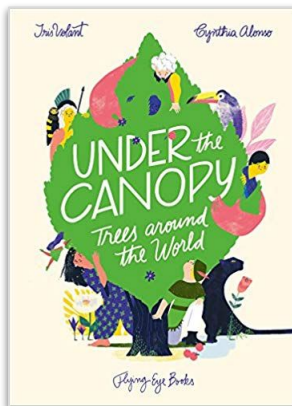
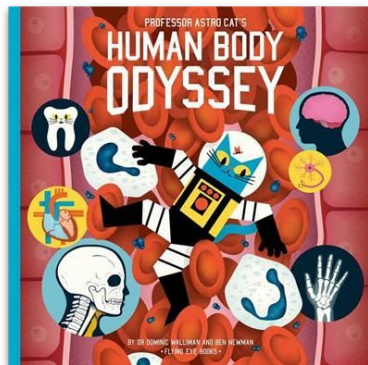
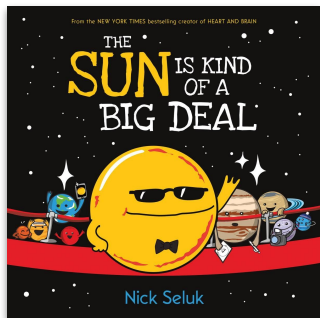
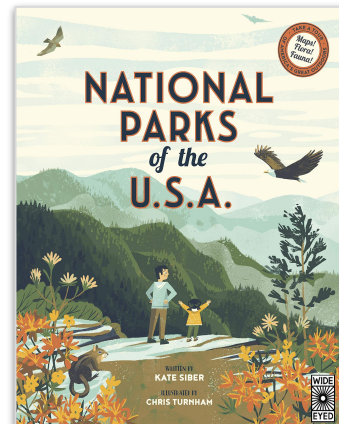
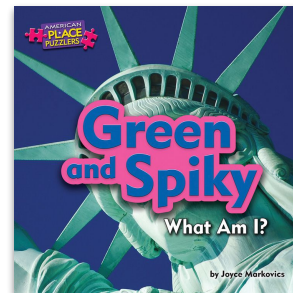
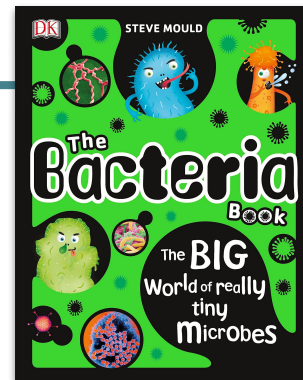
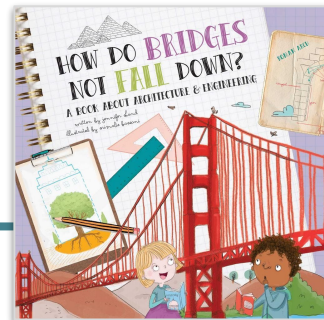
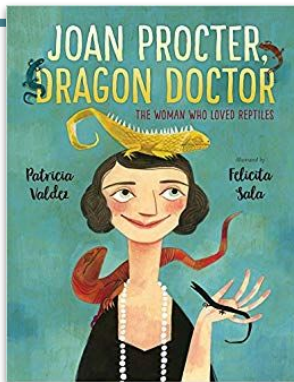
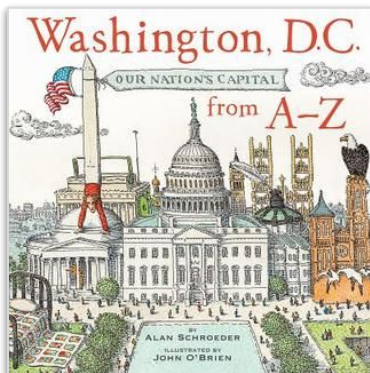
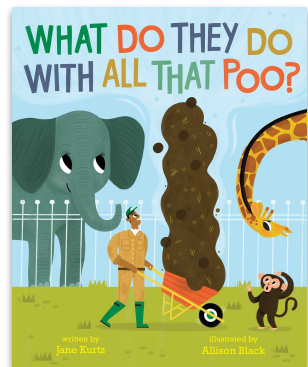
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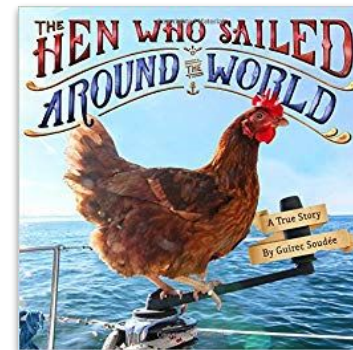
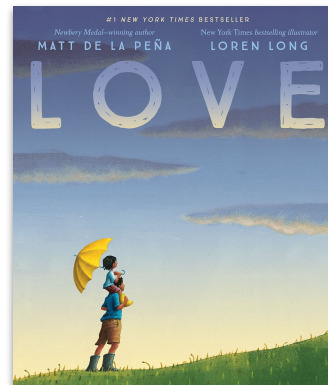
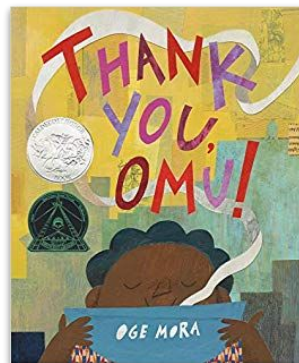
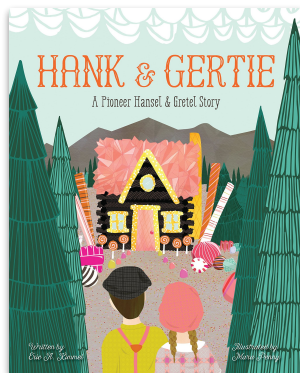
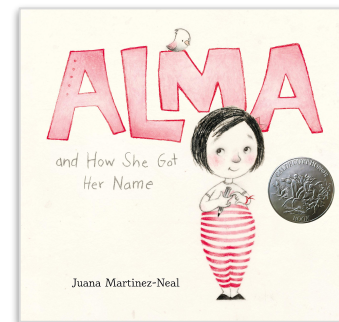
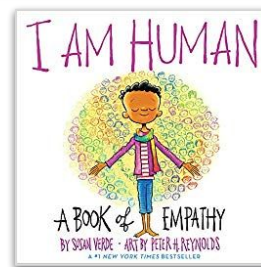
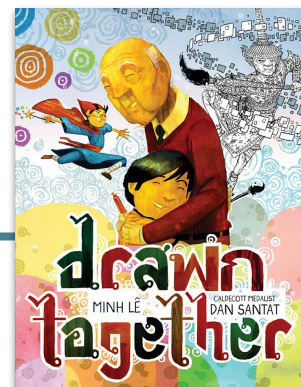
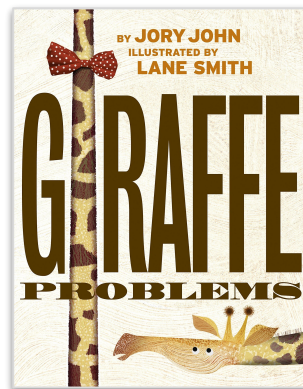
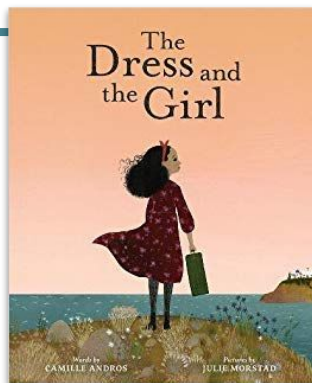
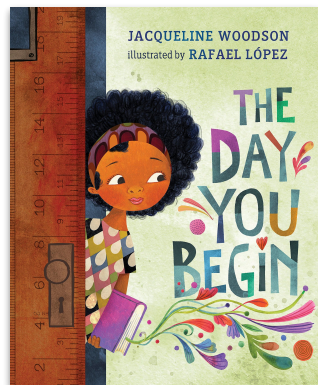


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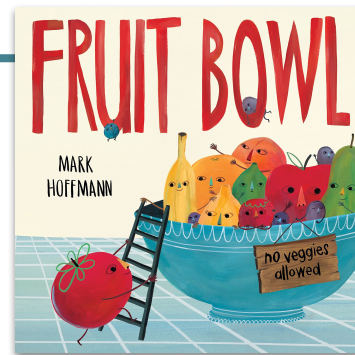
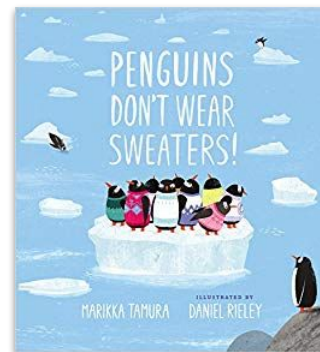
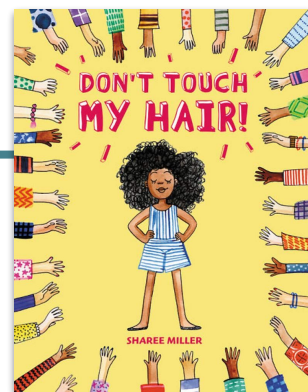
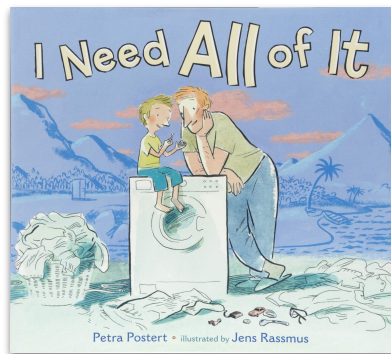
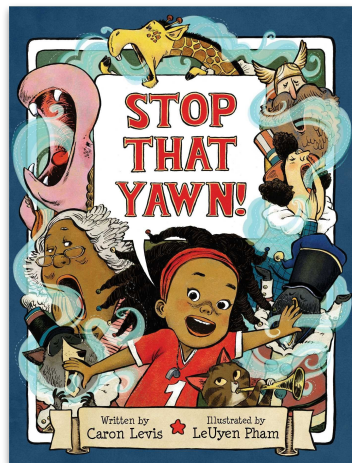


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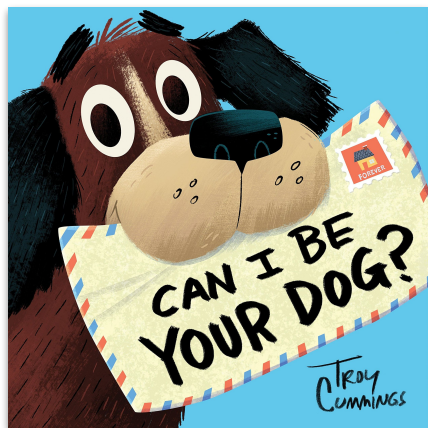




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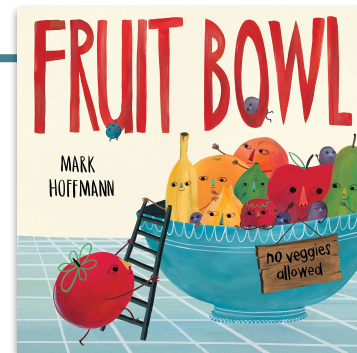
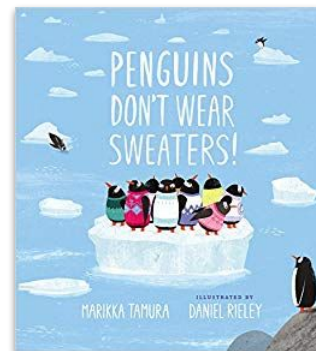
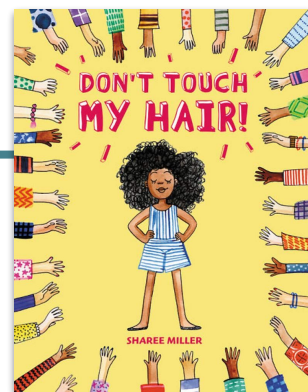
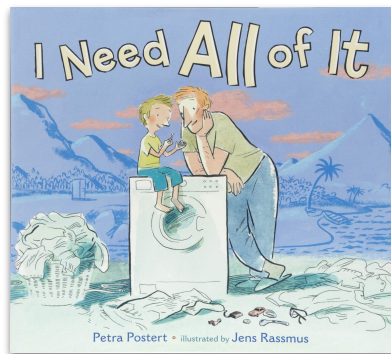
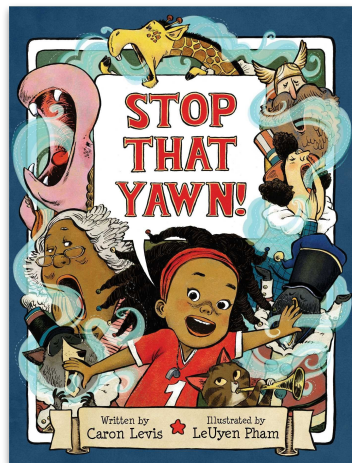


# PERSUASIVE MENTOR TEXT: *CAN I BE YOUR DOG?*





# PERSUASIVE MENTOR TEXTS



# MENTOR TEXTS: 2018 BOOKS

## INFORMATIONAL MENTOR TEXTS

BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR	PURPOSE
<i>The Bacteria Book: The Big World of Really Tiny Microbes</i>	Steve Mould	Use this text to demonstrate how you can specialize and become an expert on a topic. Create a book that takes a deep dive into any subject and include informational text features such as a contents, glossary, and index.
<i>Green and Spiky: What Am I?</i>	Joyce Markovics	Pick a topic and create your own personal guessing game using 8-10 clues. Don't forget to include a final "fast facts" page!
<i>How Do Bridges Not Fall Down?</i>	Jennifer Shand	Got an interesting question? Use this text as a model to write answers to your next science and engineering problem.
<i>Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor: The Woman Who Loved Reptiles</i>	Patricia Valdez	Use this lovely, engaging book as an example for writing a book about an amazing scientist.
<i>Little People, Big Dreams</i> book series	Ma Isabel Sánchez Vegara	Use this incredible autobiographical series to research and present on an individual's life from childhood. Just like the series, focus on the simple and interesting facts.
<i>National Parks of the U.S.A.</i>	Kate Siber	After reading this book, you will be ready to plan your next big adventure. Create a book to share about a local park ... or create your own national park book after your next family vacation.
<i>Professor Astro Cat's Human Body Odyssey</i>	Dr. Dominic Walliman and Ben Newman	This book takes an in-depth look into the human body. Use this as inspiration to write about our amazing human body. Heads-up: the section on reproduction is highly detailed and accurate.
<i>The Sun is Kind of a Big Deal</i>	Nick Seluk	Figure out your own big deal topic and use this book as a model for writing your own "big deal" book.
<i>Under the Canopy: Trees Around the World</i>	Tris Volant	Use this book as a model for creating your very own category book. Just pick a topic or theme and include a page for each entry.
<i>Washington, D.C. Our Nation's Capital from A-Z</i>	Alan Schroeder	Alphabet books are fun for any age. Just pick a topic and use this book as a model for creating your very own A-Z subject book.
<i>What Do They Do With All That Poo?</i>	Jane Kurtz	This books seeks to answer an everyday problem. What common problem can you think of? Create your own book to help solve an everyday problem.

## NARRATIVE MENTOR TEXTS

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<i>A Big Mooncake for Little Star</i>	Grace Lin	The author created her own delightful explanation for the phases of the moon. Use this text as a springboard to create your own creative explanation.
<i>Alma and How She Got Her Name</i>	Juana Martinez-Neal	Alma did not love her name ... until she learned the importance of it. Use this book as inspiration to explore the meaning and history behind your name.
<i>The Day You Begin (El Día En Que Descubres Quien Eres)</i>	Jacqueline Woodson	There are many reasons to feel different. Like the characters in this book, write about a time you may have felt different, but how you made friends or found common interests with others.
<i>Drawn Together</i>	Minh Le	Use this text as inspiration to write about what you and your grandparent have in common.
<i>The Dress and the Girl</i>	Camille Andros	Have you ever lost something, but found it again? This story inspires us to think about the adventure an object might take when it has been lost.
<i>Giraffe Problems</i>	Jory John	Giraffe is not fond of his neck, but turtle helps him to see the value it has to offer. Use this text to write about a part of your appearance you have learned to value, even though it might not be your favorite.
<i>Hank &amp; Gertie: A Pioneer Hansel &amp; Gretel Story</i>	Eric A. Kimmel	Select a fairy tale story and put an interesting, modern twist on the tale.
<i>The Hen Who Sailed Around the World</i>	Guirec Soudee	Use real photos from your latest family trip to create a book about your adventures.
<i>I Am Human</i>	Susan Verde	This book explores the ways that we are uniquely and wonderfully human. Write your own book about what makes you human.
<i>Imagine</i>	Juan Felipe Herrera	Formatted beautifully, the author begins each page with "If I..." and ends with "Imagine" to retell his life story. Use your imagination to write about all of your future accomplishments.
<i>Love (Amor)</i>	Matt de la Peña	This book explores the practical ways one might see love in the everyday. Write about the different, practical ways you see love in the world around you.
<i>Thank You, Omu!</i>	Oge Mora	Do you have a family member who can cook up something amazing? Use this text as inspiration to think of how it could inspire people to come together for an adventurous tale.



## PERSUASIVE MENTOR TEXTS

BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR	PURPOSE
<i>The Big Bed</i>	Bunmi Laditan	Want a new puppy? A Disney vacation? An iPhone? Using this as a mentor text use strategies such as questioning, facts, and humor to write a persuasive case to a parent.
<i>Can I Be Your Dog?</i>	Troy Cummings	Use persuasive letter writing to make the case for a pet.
<i>Don't Touch My Hair!</i>	Sharee Miller	Is there some way your personal space is invaded in life? Or do you have a pet peeve? Use this book as a model for writing how you can be kind, but also communicate important feelings.
<i>Fruit Bowl</i>	Mark Hoffmann	Learn about the differences between fruits and vegetables AND the importance of using facts to back up your persuasive writing. Create a sequel to answer the question at the end or write your own persuasive story for another misunderstood fruit (or vegetable).
<i>I Need All of It</i>	Petra Postert	It is time to clean out your room, but how can you part with that favorite item? Using this book as an example, write a persuasive case for keeping your belongings.
<i>Penguins Don't Wear Sweaters</i>	Marikka Tamura	Examine how media can persuade individuals to do meaningful, but crazy things. Discuss the importance of researching facts before action. Use this to research other topics, or just to write another funny story of things that just aren't realistic for animals.
<i>Stop That Yawn!</i>	Caron Levis	Use this mentor text as an example of how to delay bedtime (or any other task you might be reluctant to do). Where would you go and what adventure would follow?

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# QUESTIONS

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