

Bring National Novel Writing Month to your classroom!



Overview

National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is a month-long writing challenge that takes place in November of each year. In 2010, 250,000 people worldwide attempted the creatively daring feat of completing an entire novel in 30 days.

NaNoWriMo's Young Writers Program supports this effort for kids and teens in educational settings. We offer free curricula and student workbooks for all grade levels, as well as classroom kits to all educators teaching the program. Last November, 1,800 classrooms served approximately 43,000 budding novelists.

Materials

The Young Writers Program provides the following free materials to inform and inspire students throughout the novel-writing process:

- **Complete Curriculum** – Our Common Core-aligned lesson plans were designed by experienced educators to scaffold the knowledge and skills necessary for writing a novel. Students learn the principles of character development, plot structure, description, and determination before beginning their own projects. Follow-up lessons encourage workshopping and editing.
- **Student Workbooks** – The engaging exercises in our workbooks give students hands-on experience in planning for their novels. Activities like “Good Book, Bad Book,” “Writing Really Good Dialogue,” and “The Plot Rollercoaster” are fun but rigorous aspects of the prewriting process. The workbooks can be used as a whole, or individual pages can be used to accompany lessons.
- **Classroom Kit** – All participating classrooms receive a kit designed to motivate students during November. It includes a “Triumphant Chart of Noveling Progress,” NaNoWriMo stickers to mark the steps toward individual page-count goals, and full-color buttons as incentives for novel completion.
- **Proof Copies of Student Manuscripts** – Through arrangements with sponsors, we can furnish classrooms with promotional codes for free, print-on-demand copies of finished student novels. These codes may also be used to order a group anthology.
- **Writer Certificates** – Educators can download specially designed, customizable certificates for both winning and participating writers.

Student Impact

In a 2010 survey, an overwhelming percentage of educators agreed that the NaNoWriMo Young Writers Program positively affects students in the following areas:

- **Self-Confidence**
- **Creative Writing Skills**
- **Overall Writing Skills**
- **Time Management**

Structure

NaNoWriMo's Young Writers Program curriculum requires preparation during all or part of October. Ideally, classrooms dedicate at least 10 sessions to prewriting lessons.

During November, students may write in school every day (in the classroom or a computer lab), or at least once per week with additional time at home encouraged.

In addition, many educators make time allowances for celebratory kick-off and end-of-event parties.

More Information

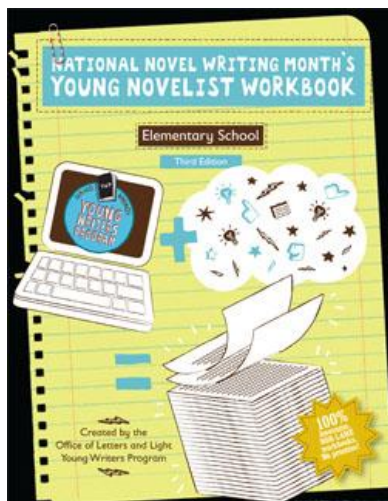
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Classroom Kit Details



Workbook Cover



Writer Certificates

