

Teach **BIG**

The Writing Process Race

From your first idea to a finished, published piece, one spin at a time

THIS BOARD SUPPORTS
Writing Process: Plan, Draft, Revise, Edit, Publish

TEKS 3.11, 4.11, 5.11

START
Pick a prompt and spin to begin

2
Brainstorm three ideas.

3 ★
Great thesis! Spin again.

4
Make a quick plan or web.

5
Talk your idea out with a partner.

6 ★
Add a juicy detail. Move ahead 1.

7
Write your opening sentence.

8 ★
Ideas are flowing! Move ahead 2.

9
Draft the middle. Keep going.

FINISH
You published! You are an author.

25
Read your writing proudly.

24 ★
Share one sentence with the group.

23
Give your piece a title.

22
Write your neat final copy.

The Five Steps

- Prewrite** Gather and plan your ideas.
- Draft** Get your ideas down on paper.
- Revise** Make your ideas clearer and stronger.
- Edit** Polish spelling, capitals, and marks.
- Publish** Finish it neatly and share it.

★ **Star spaces** are action spaces. Read them aloud and do what they say.

How to Play

2 to 4 writers • a small group center • 10 to 15 minutes
You need a paper clip, a pencil, and one game piece for each player.

- Everyone begins on START. The youngest writer goes first.
- On your turn, spin the spinner, then move that many spaces.
- Read your space aloud and do what it says. Star spaces move you ahead or back.
- The first writer to reach FINISH is the published author. Cheer each other on.

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Spinner

Spin a paper clip around a pencil point in the center.

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10
Add an example or a reason.

11 ★
Got stuck. Lose one turn, then draft on.

12
Read your draft aloud to a partner.

13 ★
Skipped revising. Go back 2.

21
Read once more for neatness.

20 ★
Caught a spelling slip! Spin again.

19
Check your end marks.

18 ★
Found a run-on. Fix it to advance.

17
Check your capital letters.

16
Check that your ideas are in order.

15 ★
Great detail added! Move ahead 1.

14
Swap in one stronger word.