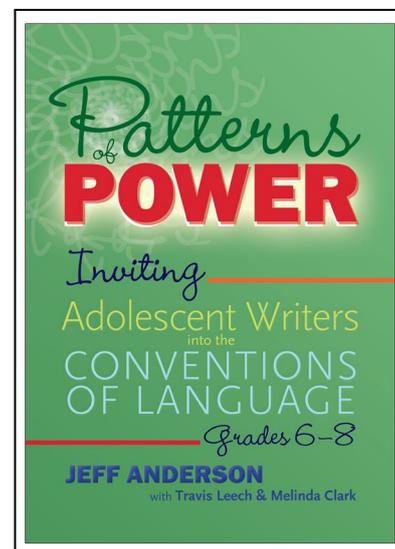


Patterns of power

Inviting adolescent writers into the conventions of language, Grades 6–8

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Summary

‘Is this right? Is this how it’s supposed to look?’ Adolescent writers often ask these kinds of questions because traditional grammar instruction focuses too much on what’s right or what’s wrong. The fear of making a mistake hides the true power of conventions – the creation of meaning, purpose and effect, the ultimate reading-writing connection. Join Jeff Anderson, with Travis Leech and Melinda Clark, as they explore grammar in a new way in *Patterns of power: Inviting adolescent writers into the conventions of language, Grades 6–8*. Let’s lift middle school writers by focusing on possibilities for producing effective writing that will transfer to the classroom and beyond.

Inside *Patterns of power, Grades 6–8*, teachers will find a quick yet comprehensive explanation of the invitational process – the easy-to-follow, brain-based process created to invite adolescent writers to learn about and apply conventions of the English language through the celebration of the author’s purpose and craft. This process is the foundation on which 55 authentic, flexible and effective lesson sets were built. Through practical guidance and ready-to-use lessons, you’ll be fully equipped to teach grammar in an engaging and authentic way in just 10 minutes a day.

Inside, you’ll find:

- 55 standards-aligned lesson sets that include excerpts from high-interest, authentic and diverse young adult and middle grade mentor texts
- real-life classroom examples and tips gleaned from the authors’ work facilitating the *Patterns of power* process in hundreds of classrooms
- resources to use in classroom instruction or as handouts for student literacy notebooks.

With hundreds of teach-tomorrow visuals and implementation supports that include quick-reference guides as well as soundtrack lists to infuse the joy of music into grammar instruction, *Patterns of power, Grades 6–8* gives you everything you need to inspire your adolescent writers to move beyond limitation and into the endless possibilities of what they can do as writers.

Other resources

- *Powerful writing structures: Brain pocket strategies for supporting a year-long writing program* (PBP0966)
- *Teach writing well: How to assess writing, invigorate instruction, and rethink revision* (SHP8580)
- *The write thing: Kwame Alexander engages students in writing workshop (and you can too!)* (TCM0522)
- *The write genre: Classroom activities and mini-lessons that promote writing with clarity, style and flashes of brilliance* (PBP6760)