K-5 Sample Mentor Text for The KAS Three Modes of Writing

**Opinion/Argumentative Writing**

Author Studies – Jan Brett, Beverly Clearly, Seymour Simon, Gail Gibbons, Patricia Pollaco, Eve Bunting

**Jan Brett books**

* *Annie and the Wild Animals*
* *Armidillo Rodeo*
* *Honey, Honey , Lion*

**Eve Bunting books**

* *Anna’s Table*
* *Butterfly House*
* *Fly Away Home*
* *My Special Day at Third Street School*
* *Night Tree*
* *Secret Place*
* *The Memory String*
* *The Wall*
* *The Wednesday Surprise*

**Informational/Explanatory Writing**

* *Backyard Wildlife – Badgers* by Derek Zobel
* *Badgers , Active at Night*  by Fran Howard
* *Big Bugs*  by Seymour Simon
* *Bug Shots – The Good, The Bad and the Bugly*  by Alexanra Siy and Dennis
* Kunkel
* *Everglades Forever, Restoring America’s Great Wetland*  by Trish Marx
* *Everglades National Park –* by Wende Fazio *Franklin Roosevelt*  by Mike Venezia
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* *Frontier Schools and Schoolteachers*  by Ryan P. Randolph
* *John F. Kennedy* , *our Thirty-Fifth President*, by Judith E. Harper
* *I Wonder Why – Creepy Crawlies* by Karen Wallace and Tudor Humphries
* *I Wonder Why- The Dodo Is Dead and Other Questions About Extinct and Endangered Animals*
* *I Wonder Why Lemons Taste Sour and Other Questions About Senses*  by Deborah Chancellor
* *I Wonder Why – The Sun Rises and Other Questions about Time and Seasons*
* *I Wonder Why Vultures Are Bald and Other Questions About Birds*
* *I Wonder Why Whales and Dolphins*  by Judy Allen and Mike Bostoc
* *My School in the Rainforest, How Children Attend School Around the World*
* *The Kids’ Family Tree Book*  by Caroline Leavitt
* *The Reasons for Seasons* by Gail Gibbons
* *This Is Your Life Cycle, with special guest, Dahlia the Dragonfly* by Heather Lynn Miller
* *Voices from Colonial America - Florida 1513 – 1821* by Matthew C. Cannavale
* *Volcanoes*  by Seymour Simon
* *Where Does the Sky End Grandpa?*  by Martha Alexander
* *Who Do You Think You Are? Be a Family Tree Detective*  by Dan Waddell
* *Weird But True Space Facts*  by Carmen Bredson
* *Your Family Tree* by Nuria Roca
* *Your Fascinating Family History – Super Smart Information Strategies* by Mary J. Johnson

**Narrative Writing**

* *A Chair for My Mother* by Vera Willaims
* *Bee Keepers* by Linda Oatman High
* *Betty Doll*  by Patricia Polacco
* *Crab Moon* by Ruth Horowitz
* *Fireflies* ! by Julie Brinkloe
* *I Stink!* By Kate McMullen
* *My Light* by Molly Bang
* *Song and Dance Man* by Karen Ackerman
* *Sierra* by Diane Siebert
* *Team Mates* by Peter Golenbock
* *Tell Me A Story, Mama* by Angela Johnson
* *The Keeping Quilt*  by Patricia Polacco
* *The Sunsets of Miss Olivia Wiggins* by Lester Laminack
* *The Wednesday Surprise* by Eve Bunting
* *Turkey Pox* by Laurie Halse Anderson
* *Tight Times* by Barbara Shook Hazen
* *Up North in the Cabin by* Marsha Wilson Chall
* *Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge* by Julie Vivas

**Professional Books**

* *Apprenticeship to Literacy* by Linda J. Dorn, Cathy French and Tammy Jones
* *Craft Lessons – Teaching Writing K-8* by Ralph Fletcher and Joann Portalupi
* *Informational Text in K-3 Classrooms , Helping Children Read and Write,* by Sharon BEnge Kletzien and Mariam Jean Dreher
* *Mentor Texts, Teaching Writing Through Children’s Literature, K-6* by Lynne Dorfman and Rose Cappelli
* *Using Literature to Enhance Writing Instruction, A Guide for K-5 Teachers* by Rebecca Olness