

PEG Writing

PEG Writing is a web-based writing program designed to help students in grades 3-12 develop effective writing skills and maximize teacher instruction. This online writing tool gives educators and students unlimited access to custom writing prompts, electronic graphic organizers, automated scoring, instant feedback, portfolios, and interactive student tutorials. (<http://www.pegwriting.com/about>)

At Greenville High School the PEG Writing program is used in the ELA and Writing classes to improve students' writing. Teachers can assign one of the many prompts that PEG Writing offers or they can choose to incorporate one of their own prompts into the program. Students work in the classroom with teacher supervision to complete an essay based on the prompt assigned. When each student feels they have completed the essay to the best of their ability, she types her essay into the PEG Writing program. The program highlights areas in which the student can improve. This includes word choice, grammar, repetition of ideas, weak thesis, transitions, and development of ideas. The student can go back into her essay and make corrections. This can be done as many times as needed in order to improve the essay.

The student can see where her essay is weak and make corrections to make it stronger. After completing this process multiple times, the student begins to see how the improvements make her essay stronger. In time, the student is able to transition into writing a better essay on her own, and the program can be used only for reinforcement.

