

# Teach Journaling Skills

with

# Amelia®

**W**elcome Amelia into your classroom or library and watch your students get excited about writing! Created by author Marissa Moss, Amelia is an imaginative ten-year-old who records the ups and downs of her life in her notebooks. Her witty words and quirky drawings will inspire your students to write about and draw their thoughts and feelings in their own journals.



Journal keeping is a remarkably valuable activity for children. It hones language skills and allows opportunities for nonverbal expression. The journal format frees reluctant writers to express themselves without the fear of criticism, without the need to analyze and edit. A journal provides

practice for formal writing assignments in which we do expect organization, revision, and final copies. Using words and pictures to express ideas suits students

with nonverbal learning styles and expands the breadth of experience for verbal learners. Regular guided journaling gives practice in problem solving as students examine issues in depth and have time to explore a variety of solutions. And a glimpse into another's diary or journal shows students that everyone experiences doubt, joy, disappointment, fear, and pleasure.

Look inside for lessons to get your students off to a solid start, as well as for journal prompts to maintain the momentum. Let Amelia lead the way! Also included are ideas on how Amelia can inspire learning in other curricular areas, and a fun reproducible created by Marissa Moss to help kids kick off their own journals.

## Amelia® Titles

*Written and illustrated by Marissa Moss*

- *Amelia's Notebook*
- *Amelia Writes Again*
- *Amelia Hits the Road*
- *My Notebook (with help from Amelia)*
- *Amelia Takes Command*
- *Dr. Amelia's Boredom Survival Guide*
- *The All-New Amelia*
- *Law, Amelia Law, Nadia*
- *Amelia's Family Ties*
- *Amelia Lends a Hand*
- *Oh Boy, Amelia*
- *Amelia Works It Out*
- *Amelia's Easy-as-Pie Drawing Guide*
- *Madame Amelia Tells All*
- *Amelia's School Survival Guide*
- *Amelia's Best Year Ever*

## Plus:

- *Amelia's Stationery Set*

## This Guide Includes:

- Two-week unit planning chart
- Guidelines for using journaling in the classroom
- Additional journal prompts to use after the unit
- Cross-curricular activities
- Selected related titles
- Reproducible "Write On! Tips for Your Own Terrific Notebook," written and illustrated by Marissa Moss

