

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.

Spinner



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



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.

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

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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.