

6-Traits Songs *Modernized!*



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The Talent— Fourth graders at Reagan Elementary (Brownsburg, IN)



Trait of Ideas—

Sing to Taio Cruz's "Dynamite"

I put my pencil in the air sometimes.
Singing A-O! I got ideas!
I'm gonna' write my lists and stay on topic.
Singing A-O! I got ideas!
I'm gonna' write my thoughts.
Make my ideas clear.
Tell the reader what I know
and what I hold most dear.
Singing A-O! I got ideas!

NOTE: Lyrics for this song written by Ruth Culham



Trait of Organization—

Sing to Kesha's "Tik Tok"

Writing in the morning, and I feel so witty
gonna' organize my paper, gonna' make it look pretty.
'Cause I'll start with a beginning, then a middle and end.
When I'm finished with my paper, I'll check transitions again.
I'm talking about have a bold beginning,
then a mighty middle.
Write a strong ending.
The order will flow like OH, OH, OH, OH—OH, OH, OH, OH!



Trait of Voice—

Sing to Black Eyed Peas' "I Gotta' Feeling"

I gotta' feeling.
And I'll write that I feel so happy.
And I'll write that I feel so lonely.
And I'll write that I feel so grumpy.

I'm overjoyed!
So that's my voice.
I feel annoyed!
And that's my voice.
Go out and write it.
Like, oh my voice!
Your words will show it.
The tone's your choice.

'Cause I gotta' feeling.
Woo-hoo!



Trait of Word Choice—

Sing to Lady Gaga's "Poker Face"

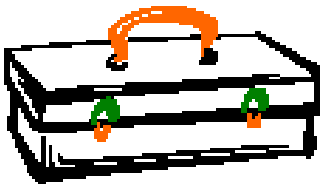
Can read my,
Can read my,
Yes, you can read my purple words.
Strong verbs and adjectives.
Can read my,
Can read my,
Yes, you can read my purple words.
The best words are descriptive.
P P P Purple words, my P Purple words
P P P Purple words, my P Purple words



Trait of Sentence Fluency—

Sing to Miley Cyrus's "Party in the U.S.A."

So I write my first words.
They'll make a statement.
Are the sentences easy to read?
Writing some short, like yeah.
Writing some long, like yeah.
So I'll write some more words,
With rhythm and grace.
You'll read it out loud easily.
Y-e-a-h, it's called sentence fluency.
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Trait of Conventions—

Sing to Cee Lo Green's "Forget You"

I see I made an error there on my rough draft.
And I will, correct you! Ooh, Ooh, Ooh!
I guess I missed a comma and a question mark.
So I will, correct you! Ooh, Ooh, Ooh!

Oopsies, I didn't spell that word right,
but that don't mean I can't fix it.
I'll use correct grammar to make my draft better.
I'll keep correcting and I won't quit.

I'm using the too-oo-ools
that helps the reader, too. And,
they're called conventions! Ooh, Ooh, Ooh!