



## HERITAGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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# Upcoming 11th Graders

## Summer Reading Book: *On Writing* by: Stephen King

### Synopsis:

- "Part memoir, part master class by one of the bestselling authors of all time, this superb volume is a revealing and practical view of the writer's craft, comprising the basic tools of the trade every writer must have. King's advice is grounded in his vivid memories from childhood through his emergence as a writer, from his struggling early career to his widely reported near-fatal accident in 1999 -- and how the inextricable link between writing and living spurred his recovery." (Taken from goodreads.com)

### Assignment:

- Students should read (or listen-- an audiobook is available through Audible) the book and complete the assignment linked below. The assignment may be completed virtually on Google Slides or printed off and completed as a hard copy. Bring the book and your assignment to class on the first day of school (if you complete it virtually, you do not have to bring anything but the book) as we will have a reading accountability assessment and begin discussing the novel in the first week.

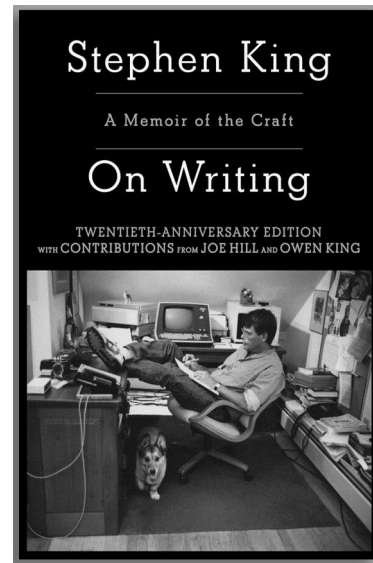
### Skills we will practice:

- Because first semester of junior year is a Composition class, this novel will be useful in developing the many different forms of writing we will practice: Informational, literary, creative, and persuasive writing

### Parental Guidance:

- In this memoir, King stays away from his usual horror and "scary" fiction tendencies and focuses on the craft of writing itself. However, he does include some personal memoir notes as well, including a brief describe his former struggles with addiction. He also uses strong language at times. We strongly encourage parents to read alongside students and encourage an open dialogue about these issues. (Read a full review here:

<https://medium.com/swlh/stephen-kings-on-writing-is-a-great-book-for-students-7d08b41e5f6>)



### Link to purchase:

[https://www.amazon.com/Writing-Memoir-Craft-Stephen-King/dp/1982159375/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crid=3QDU835UAY1C7&keywords=on+writing+stephen+king+paperback&qid=1683727058&srefix=on+writing+stephen+king+paperbac%2Caps%2C88&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Writing-Memoir-Craft-Stephen-King/dp/1982159375/ref=sr_1_1?crid=3QDU835UAY1C7&keywords=on+writing+stephen+king+paperback&qid=1683727058&srefix=on+writing+stephen+king+paperbac%2Caps%2C88&sr=8-1)

### Link to assignment:

Hard copy: Open link > File > Print

Virtual version: Open link > File > MAKE A COPY > Entire Presentation. Then add your text on the copy

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