

FAQ for U.S. History-Based Writing Lessons Second Edition

Is the U.S. History-Based Writing Lessons changing for the 2020-2021 year? Yes, this resource is updated, and families will need to purchase the new version.

How is the new version of the U.S. History-Based Writing Lessons different from the previous version? This resource has been updated and improved. It seamlessly follows the order of units and stylistic techniques as given in the Teaching Writing: Structure and Style syllabus and lays out lessons in a helpful, user-friendly way.



Are the IEW decorations included in the U.S. History-Based Writing book? As with Medieval History-Based Lessons in the 2019-2020 year, decorations are not found in the History-Based Writing book; rather, they can be found in the Advanced Additions

resource, which is available as a free download with the purchase of a History-Based Writing book. (For instructions on how to access the Advanced Additions resource, see the blue page at the front of the U.S. History-Based Writing Lessons book.)

Is a free download of the Student Resource Packet included with the purchase of the U.S. History-Based Writing book? No, this download will not be included with the purchase of this book, and will no longer be included in books that are updated in future years. The Student Resource Packet is not necessary for presenting the lessons, as all of the resources needed are found in the TWSS syllabus and HBW books. The Student Resource Packet download will still be available with IEW's Premium Membership, or a hard copy can be purchased from the bookstore.

Do Essentials families need to purchase both the Teacher's Manual and the Student Book versions of U.S. History-Based Writing Lessons? Each Essentials student will need a Student Book, with one exception: according to IEW's copyright policy, parents are allowed to copy the Student Book for use by multiple children within their immediate family if they wish. It is also strongly recommended that parents purchase the Teacher's Manual to assist them with teaching the lessons to their child(ren).

What IEW resources are needed for Essentials?

- 1) Each family will need to have the TWSS binder, which is the parent's "teacher's manual" for IEW.
- 2) Each Essentials student will need a Student Book of the History-Based Writing book, with the exception of multiple Essentials students in an immediate family (see above).
- 3) Parents are strongly encouraged to purchase the History-Based Writing Teacher's Manual. It contains sample keyword outlines and ideas for presenting lessons.
- 4) It is also strongly recommended to purchase Portable Walls, which contains Unit Model outlines and helpful word lists. (Families who already own a hard copy of the Student Resource Packet do not need to purchase the Portable Walls unless they wish to do so.)

What about IEW's new product, Structure and Style for Students? This new product, announced in November of 2019, is separate from the theme-based products used in Essentials. Essentials Tutors and parents are trained by the TWSS, and are fully equipped to give students a wonderful experience with IEW using their theme-based products.