WHY PENMANSHIP MATTERS

Grades K to 2 | Five day research simulation task | Ma'at Standard

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Date: _____ Class: _____

CENTRAL QUESTION

How does handwriting help us learn and share ideas?

OBJECTIVE

Use readings, real documents, and your own practice to explain why readable handwriting matters.

DOL

Use two sources and a practice example to explain two reasons handwriting matters. Apply one improvement in an independent message.

Grade	New Jersey ELA	Common Core / CCLS
Kindergarten	L.WF.K.1 A to C; RI.CR.K.1; W.IW.K.2; SL.PE.K.1	L.K.1a; RI.K.1; W.K.2; SL.K.1
Grade 1	L.WF.1.1 A; RI.CR.1.1; W.IW.1.2; SL.PE.1.1	L.1.1a; RI.1.1; W.1.2; SL.1.1
Grade 2	L.WF.2.1 A; RI.CR.2.1; W.IW.2.2; SL.PE.2.1	RI.2.1; W.2.2; W.2.5; SL.2.1

National alignment uses Common Core / CCLS ELA standards. Interdisciplinary practice: counting and comparing observations, fair investigations, and historical documents. Full task alignment is in the Teacher Guide.

Use Workbook pages 1 to 24 for guided practice and later revisits. Your teacher chooses an appropriate amount. Drawing, oral rehearsal, adapted tools, and documented accommodations support access.

Vocabulary: penmanship, legible, model, space, practice, revise.

DAY 1 | WHY WRITE CLEARLY?

Objective: Explain how handwriting serves a reader.

DOL: Point to or cite two features that help a reader.

DO NOW

What makes a written message easy for you to read?

SOURCE A. My writing carries meaning

Penmanship means writing by hand. Legible writing is writing a reader can make out. A letter needs a clear shape. Words need spaces. A label can name a plant. A note can share an idea. Read your writing. Can you tell which letters and words you made? Check a letter, a space, and the message.

Source basis: S1, S5; original classroom examples. Wording adapted for instruction.

QUICK WRITE

How do letter shapes and spaces help a reader understand a message?

1. Find one detail in the source. Tell or write what it helps a writer do.

Practice connection: Workbook 2 to 7. Study and form letters.

Exit ticket: Name one feature you will check in your next attempt.