

Soft Skills for the School Librarian • Writing Skills

## Model Writing

Each *School Library Connection* author has a unique voice that is effective in its own way. After reading one or more of the suggested articles, use the following chart to help you identify each author's strengths and what takeaways you can bring to your own writing.

Concept	Examples from Articles	Why It Works	Ways I Can Apply It
<b>Ideas and details</b> that are interesting and informative			
<b>Organization</b> that is logical and well-structured			
<b>Voice</b> that is individual and appropriate			
<b>Word choice</b> that is specific and memorable			
<b>Sentence fluency</b> that is smooth and cadenced			

Learn more about these traits of writing—and two more—at Jones, Jeff. "What Are the Traits?" Education Northwest. December 28, 2016. <http://educationnorthwest.org/traits/trait-definitions>.

Now, think about some information that you'd like to share with your audience and write a draft message, incorporating something that you took away from these writers.