**Mix it Up: Ideas for Making Writing Authentic and Engaging**

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| **Oral storytelling:** Students can orally compose or memorize their writing and share on video or in person. | [StoryCorps for Educators](https://storycorps.org/discover/education/)  [Neighborhood Story Project](https://www.neighborhoodstoryproject.org/) |
| **Bookmaking:** Teach students to make their own books. There are lots of simple bookmaking techniques that students will enjoy, such as the one-page zine. | [5 Simple Bookbinding Methods](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WuAbZW-RiRs)  [One Page Books/Zines](https://www.readbrightly.com/how-to-make-zine/)  [Schoolwide Bookmaking Projects](https://www.edutopia.org/practice/bookmaking-across-subjects-making-learning-last-longer) |
| **E-books:** Try a website like writereader.com that makes creating e-books kid friendly. | [WriteReader](https://www.writereader.com/)  [Storybird](https://storybird.com/) |
| **Podcasting:** Students can collaborate on a simple podcast that they will love sharing and listening to. | [Podcasting with students](https://www.edutopia.org/article/way-promote-student-voice-literally)  [Anchor](https://anchor.fm/) |
| **Video Recording**: A video recording platform like Flipgrid makes sharing their writing easy and fun. Students get obsessed with creating customized videos and watching one anothers’ performances. | [Flipgrid](https://info.flipgrid.com/) |
| **Arts Integration:** Incorporate the arts into writing by having students write a short play, create a dance and write a program explaining their inspiration, or make artwork for a gallery show where they write the label that goes on the wall next to it. | [Kennedy Center Arts Integration with Language and Literary Arts](https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/resources-for-educators/classroom-resources/collections/collections/language-arts/) |