Heading in the Right Direction?

Why?

- 785,651 adults 18 or older (25%) without GED® credential or High School Diploma in KY
- 12,480 took the GED Tests in 2008
- 9,851 passed the GED Tests in 2008

KET's History

- Video preparation series since 1974
- Workbook distribution to learners
- Ashland grant in 1983 to begin study at home program with tutors
- KET GED Connection student services is now funded with state dollars through a contract between KET and Morehead State University

KET's GED Connection

Study at Home

- Enrollment ($50) and assessment (TABE Survey)
- Instructional video – broadcast, on-demand, videostreaming
- Workbook lessons
- Feedback and follow up from support staff
- Post-test (GED Official Practice Test)
- Test Voucher to student
- GED Exam (typically a $50 fee)

Over 20,000 GED diplomas earned since 1974.

GED Connection

A Flexible, Learner-Centered, Multi-Media System

- Integrating Print, Video, and Online Activities
- Preparing Learners for the 2002 GED Tests
- Reading Level is 10.5
- 39 half-hour videos, three workbooks in 5 subjects, teacher's guide
- Free Internet activities with online portfolios for learners

Analyzing a Writer's Style

COMMUNITY LINK: A candidate for governor begins a speech by telling a story. "When I was a little girl," she says, "my father lost his job and could barely support his family. We almost lost our house." The story is easy for everyone to understand—young people, parents, grandparents. The words are simple; the sentences are short and clear.

Looking at Words and Sentences

This politician knows what she's doing. She knows that her style is part of the message she conveys. It determines how the voters respond. For example, she uses the word *job* instead of *employment, house* instead of *domicile,* and *family* instead of *dependents.* These words make her audience feel comfortable—which increases her chances of success.

Style is the way in which a piece of prose fiction is written. **Diction** is word choice. A writer's diction is part of his or her style.

Does a writer use slang? Dialogue? Scientific terms? Big words? Contractions? Observing a writer's word choices is key to understanding the writer's style.

Beyond words, writers choose how to write their sentences. For example, sentences can be long, full of clauses and phrases that build and build, one after another, much like the sentence you are reading right now. Or they can be short. Simple. Each states one idea.

Observe the writer's style in this excerpt.

WHAT DOES MR. REILLY THINK OF HIS COMPANION?

Her eyes were slate-gray, and had almost no expression when they looked at me.

SKILL PRACTICE

Read the following excerpt from a famous novel by Mark Twain.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN IN A STORM LIKE THIS ONE?

It was one of those regular summer storms. It would get so dark that it looked all blue-black outside, and lovely; and the rain would thrash along by so thick that the trees off a little ways looked dim and spider-webby; and here would come a blast of wind that would bend the trees down and turn up the pale underside of the leaves; and then a perfect ripper of a gust would follow along and set the branches to tossing their arms as if they was just wild; and next, when it was just about the bluest and blackest—*fst!* it was as bright as glory and you'd have a little glimpse of tree-tops a-plunging about, away off yonder in the storm, hundreds of yards further than you could see before; dark as sin again in a second, and now you'd hear the thunder let go with an awful crash and then go rumbling, grumbling, tumbling down the sky towards the under side of the world, like rolling empty barrels down stairs, where it's long stairs and they bounce a good deal, you know.

Mark Twain, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

1. List several words or phrases that make Twain's style distinctive. An example is given to get you started.

   a perfect ripper of a gust

2. Which of the following gives this passage an informal style?

   (1) He writes about nature.
   (2) He ends the passage with "you know."
   (3) He describes a storm.

3. The sentences in this passage can be described as

   (1) short, simple; one idea per sentence.
   (2) long, complex; building in energy.

Ways to Watch

- Broadcast
- Video on demand
- www.FastForwardky.com (videostreaming)
- Public library
- Adult Learning Centers

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30 min
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3 Ideas On Paper

4 Writing Process

5 Organized Writing

6 Style Word Choice

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GED Connection will help you prepare for all five subjects on the GED® exam, with special attention to the calculator used on the exam, the essay, special answer formats, and tips for test day.

Workplace Essential Skills

Are you ready for a good job? Workplace Essential Skills covers the skills you'll need to find a job and strategies that will help you get ahead.

Pre-GED Connection

These 26 programs were selected from the GED Connection series to go with the Pre-GED Connection workbooks.

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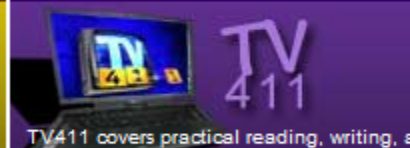

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- Pre-GED Connection
- Workplace Essential Skills

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Now teachers have sample answers for GED Connection Internet Activities.

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Self motivation, a GED & skills gained during enlistment all helped shape Keith Rinker's mission. Read about it.

GED Test Taking Tip of the Day
Find the main idea of each paragraph. The main idea is often stated in the first sentence, called the topic sentence.

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GED Connection

- 39 video programs
  - Broadcast, Video-on-demand, videostreaming
- Three workbooks covering the five GED subject areas
- Online activities including practice tests

Today & Beyond

- KET produces GED preparation series for each new iteration of the Tests
- KET provides enrollment services for a variety of adult basic skills improvement, i.e. Workplace Essential Skills, Pre-GED Connection, Math Basics, GED Connection en Español, and Learn to Read.

Partnerships

- Adult Learning Centers
  - Located in every KY county
  - Face-to-face instruction
  - Computer labs
  - Some with family literacy programs
- Public Libraries
  - Located in every KY county
  - Videos on loan
  - FastForward marketing
  - Computer use

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