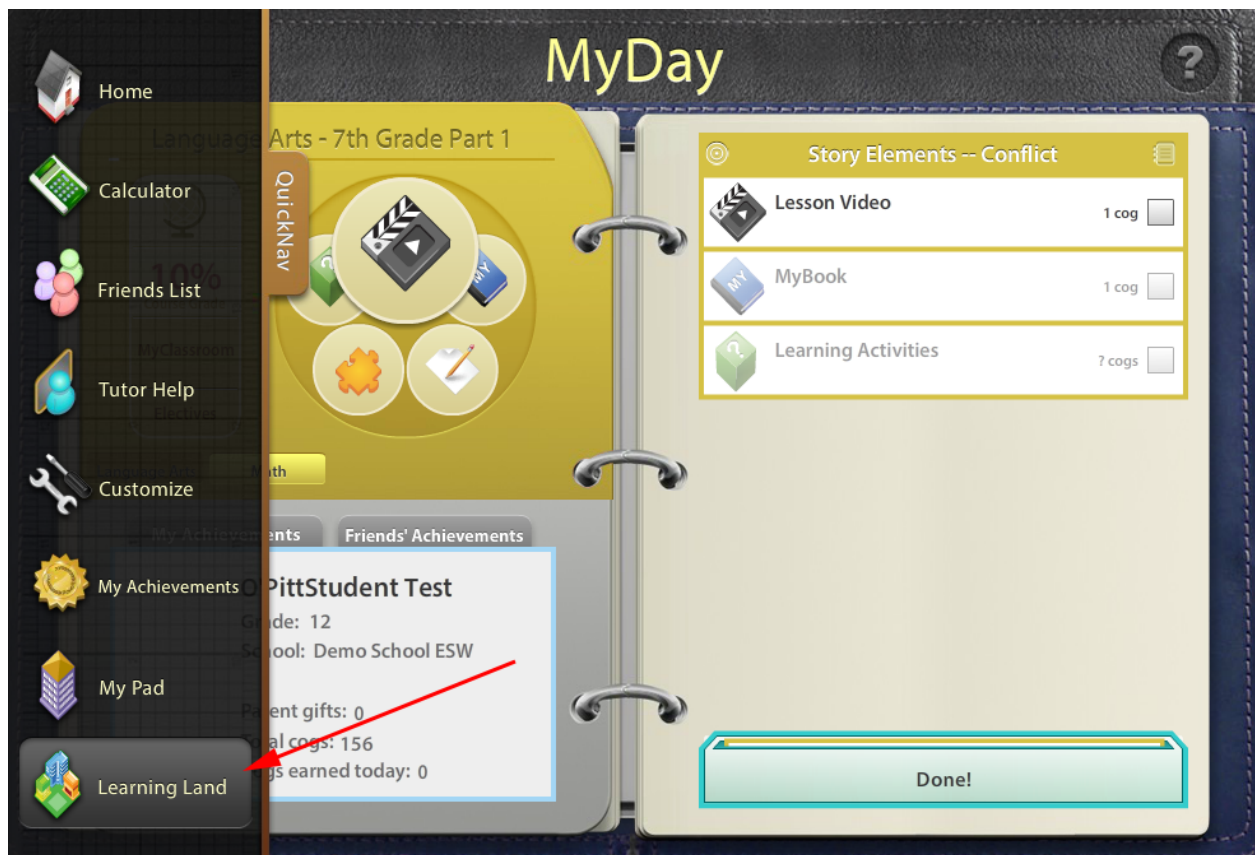


Students can use the Writing Center to improve their writing skills. The Writing Center system allows students to check their essays for elements of good writing and makes suggestions about how students can improve. The system provides video tutorials for topics where students need extra support. When finished, students will then need to submit their work for grading by their teacher.

Follow the steps below to access the Writing Center. Please note that any student who wishes to use the Writing Center must have access to Learning Land or Research Center.

1. From anywhere within MyDay or Course Player, open the QuickNav menu and select Learning Land or Research Center, depending on what you have access to. (Alternatively, you can access the Learning Land or Research Center from your eSchoolware student homepage.)



Once inside Learning Land or Research Center, students can access the Writing Center in two ways.

2. The first way is to click the map button in the upper left corner above your avatar:



3. A map of Learning Land appears. Click the Writing Center button to enter the room:



4. The second way to enter the Writing Center is by walking your avatar to the Writing Center building. Click your mouse down the sidewalk – your avatar will follow your clicks. When you get to the Writing Center building, just click it to enter:



5. Once inside the Writing Center building, click on any one of the tables to launch the Writing Center application.



6. Choose an essay topic and then confirm your selection.



7. On the main Writing Center page, copy/paste your essay (**CTRL+C** and **CTRL+V**) into the text box:

The screenshot shows a web-based writing center interface. On the left, a parchment-style sidebar contains 'Back' and 'Exit Writing Center' buttons, followed by 'Instructions' and 'TIPS' sections. The main area features a toolbar with icons for font size, text color, background color, bold, italic, and underline. A search bar with 'dictionary' and 'thesaurus' options is present. A large text box is labeled 'Type your essay here.' Below it are buttons for 'My work', 'Scoring Rubric', and 'Sample Essay #1'. At the bottom, there are checkboxes for 'Listen to my essay!' and 'Check my work!'.

Back Exit Writing Center

Instructions

When you write a descriptive essay, you want your readers to feel as though they are really experiencing the person, place, or thing that you are describing. Use details that appeal to the five senses – sight, hearing, taste, touch, and smell– to create a vivid description. Try using figurative language like similes, metaphors, and personification to give readers a clear mental picture of your topic. Think carefully about your word choice, spelling, and

TIPS

Use figurative language like similes and metaphors in your writing to add style.

AA [Enter search term here] dictionary thesaurus

Type your essay here.

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