Verbs for Writing Mastery Objectives

Thinking Level	Skills Demonstrated	Cue Verbs
knowledge	- observation and recall of information - knowledge of dates, events, and places - knowledge of major ideas - mastery of subject matter	- arrange - collect - define - describe - duplicate - examine - identify - label - list - name - recall - recite - recognize - repeat - reproduce - show - state - tabulate - tell
comprehension	- understanding information - grasp meaning - translate knowledge into a new context - interpret facts, compare, contrast - order, group, infer causes - predict consequence	- classify - describe - discuss - estimate - explain - express - identify - indicate - interpret - predict - review - translate - summarize
application	- use information - use methods, concepts, theories in new situations - solve problems using required skills or knowledge	- apply - calculate - complete - demonstrate - dramatize - employ - experiment - illustrate - modify - operate - relate - solve - use
analysis	- seeing patterns - organization of parts	- analyze - categorize - compare

		• contrast • diagram • divide • explain • infer • interpret • separate
	• recognition of hidden meanings • identification of components	
synthesis	• use old ideas to create new ones • generalize from given facts • use old ideas to create new conclusions • relate knowledge from several areas	• combine • create • design • develop • integrate • organize • plan • propose • synthesize • rearrange • relate
evaluation	• compare and discriminate between ideas • assess value of theories, presentations • make choices based on reasoned argument • verify value of evidence • recognize subjectivity	• argue • assess • conclude • convince • decide • defend • evaluate • judge • rank • recommend\ • score • select • support