Graham Grayson
House of Conventions

A skillful sentence from one of Graham’s creative papers: Each of the girls was concentrating on her spelling test when the leprechaun entered the classroom.

A skillful sentence from one of Graham’s informative papers: William Howard Taft was not only the first president to throw out a ceremonial pitch at a baseball game, but he was also the first (and only) president to later serve as a Supreme Court Justice.

A skillful sentence from one of Graham’s persuasive papers: It’s high time we called our dress code into question based on its outdated views of what is and is not fashionable.

A sentence that Graham would never write: I got kinda dizzy and had to lay down but their was no way I was going to miss the big baseball game today.

Feedback that Graham often gives to other writers in his class: Read your sentences aloud before handing them to a responder; if the words sound incorrect, you should check them to be sure.
Hog-Writes Student: Dee Taylor
Nickname: “The Great Detailer”
Sorted into: House of Idea Development
Special Skill: Memorable Details

Dee Taylor
House of Idea Development

Two skillful sentences from one of Dee’s creative papers: With eyes as dark as shadows, he stared across the fire-lit den. His family’s portraits on the wall, their paint now cracked and fading, seemed to stare down at the girl he’d brought here too.

A skillful sentence from one of Dee’s informative papers: In the state of Colorado, the ancient Rocky Mountains reach for the sky with craggy, stone fingers.

A skillful sentence from one of Dee’s persuasive papers: Do you ever dream of a better world, one where no child sleeps every night on a dingy motel floor or on a car seat showing its springs because housing is unaffordable?

A sentence that Dee would never write: It was a beautiful, lovely, peaceful night in the country.

Feedback that Dee often gives to other writers in his class: You don’t have to add a detail to every item in your setting or story. Ask yourself, “What do I want my audience to remember in this scene or description?” and then modify just those things with interesting adjectives or other descriptions.
Tony Chestnut
House of Voice

A skillful sentence from one of Tony’s creative papers: The coward backed quickly away from our hero, his twisted fingers gripping his change purse all too tightly.

Two skillful sentences from one of Tony’s informative papers: During World War II, hoarding food was discouraged on the home-front by citizens who cared about America. A hoarder had no patriotism, no respect for the fighting boys, no desire to plant a victory garden.

A skillful sentence from one of Tony’s persuasive papers: Will my written words encourage you to boldly take your stance, or will you continue to blindly avert your eyes to the obvious problems that occur when we lose the right to speak our minds.

A sentence that Tony would never write: It was really, really sad when Abraham Lincoln got assassinated.

Feedback that Tony often gives to other writers in his class: Certain words have a positive or negative feel to them. Once you’ve decided how you feel about a person, place, or thing that you’re writing about, choose positive words or negative words to surround that person, place, or thing.

Hog-Writes Student: Tony Chestnut
Nickname: “The Tone-Meister”
Sorted into: House of Voice
Special Skill: Conveying Tone (Attitude)
Florence Filigree
House of Sentence Fluency

A skillful sentence (or two) from one of Florence’s creative papers:

A skillful sentence (or two) from one of Florence’s informative papers:

A skillful sentence (or two) from one of Florence’s persuasive papers:

A sentence (or two) that Florence would never write:

Feedback that Florence often gives to other writers in her class:

Hog-Writes Student: Florence Filigree
Nickname: “Great Sentence Flo”
Sorted into: House of Sentence Fluency
Special Skill: Rhythmic Sentences
Hog-Writes Student: **Leda Longshadow**  
Nickname: “**First Line Leda**”  
Sorted into: **House of Organization**  
Special Skill: **Powerful Introductions**

**Leda Longshadow**  
House of Organization

A skillful sentence from one of Leda’s creative papers:

A skillful sentence from one of Leda’s informative papers:

A skillful sentence from one of Leda’s persuasive papers:

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A sentence that Leda would never write:

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Feedback that Leda often gives to other writers in her class:

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Hog-Writes Student: **Victor Vanquish**  
Nickname: “**Verbose Victor**”  
Sorted into: **House of Word Choice**  
Special Skill: **Powerful Verbs**

**Victor Vanquish**  
*House of Word Choice*

A skillful sentence from one of Victor’s creative papers:

A skillful sentence from one of Victor’s informative papers:

A skillful sentence from one of Victor’s persuasive papers:

A sentence that Victor would never write:

Feedback that Victor often gives to other writers in his class:

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