



The Publishing Playground

Why a Playground? Free play helps you learn to communicate with others, practice conversation, and expand vocabulary on topics that you may never have encountered before. Playgrounds can help learn how to follow and change rules, share, and take risks without punitive strings (or punishments). These kinds of social interactions can also help practice picking up on social cues like body language and tone of voice.

Purpose: Today, you want to ‘play’ with different modes of publishing writing. In our upcoming multi-genre writing project, you’ll want to think about how you want to publish your work AND how you want to ‘package’ your work. The tools you’ll be working with today may impact your decision making as you move through the unit. You want to take time to play and experiment with a variety of tools that will shape your project. Use the chart below to help you keep track of your thinking as you play. You want to take good notes of ideas as they occur to you so that you can reference this throughout the end of the semester.

Playground Tool	How did you interact with it? How did it enhance your “Writing into the Week” post?	Would you use it in your upcoming project? Why or why not?	What kinds of writing would this tool enhance or help convey information?
Book Binding	It was a creative process of trial and error. It was something that I am extremely proud of, which is exactly how I feel about my writing into the week. This is like writing into my life.	Yes I would. I think it makes it a unique experience of creating something that is wholly and authentically myself.	For me, this was a process that I had to keep playing with to make sure it was perfect for the end result. It was something that had to be revised and revamped to ensure that it was exactly what the assignment was looking for.

Typewriter	It was interesting to think about how much thought went into writing a piece of literature before computers were invented. It had to be completely laid out before writing that way the writer would not make mistakes and start from scratch.	I would love to use it. I think its a great way to ensure that writers use their brainstorming process to finalize their piece before they get to writing.	I think this works best for literary pieces like novels and short stories.

