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"Informational writing is the perfect genre for second graders because nobody is more curious about the workings of the world and is more eager to tell you a zillion facts about the topic at hand."

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Informational writing taps into second graders natural inclination to explore and excitedly share the new and strange discoveries that fill their worlds on a daily basis. Marika Paez Wiesen offers a framework that will help you harness this energy and implement an informational writing unit of study that thoughtfully addresses the wide range of learners typically found in a second grade classroom.

Addressing the heightened emphasis on reading and writing informational texts in the Common Core State Standards and on state tests, this unit of study guides you through the entire writing process. After considering how to plan and prepare an informational writing unit that builds on young writers' passions, interests, and abilities, Marika describes how to get started choosing topics, planning a draft, and beginning to write chapters. Ensuing chapters explore ways to elaborate on and revise these chapters with an eye towards addressing conventions and using features common to nonfiction texts. The final chapter offers ideas on how best to celebrate this writing and extend this learning across the curriculum.

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