Grade 1 - Lesson 8

Writes complete sentences correctly from draft; types 5-10 wpm - 85% accuracy; uses Home Row, but doesn't necessarily master its use
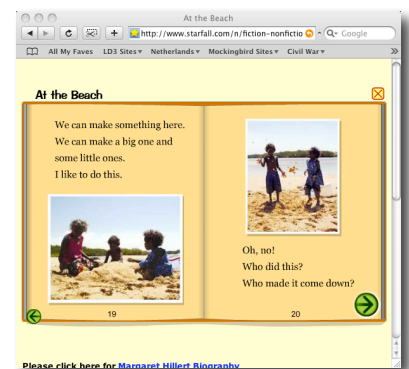
Once again, students will be word processing, either completing the publishing of a previous sample, or beginning a new one. In this lesson, students can be prompted to center their title, and learn how to change the style to **bold**.

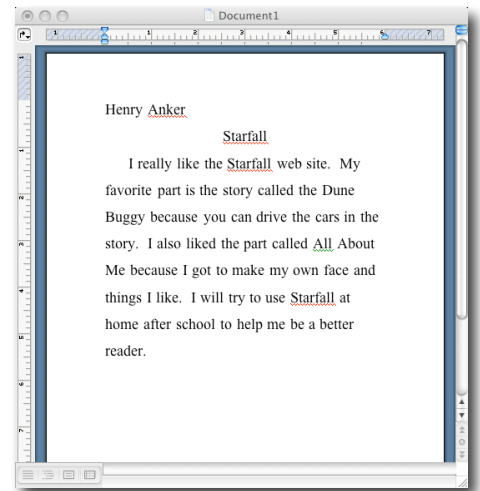*See sample below for a sample layout of the page for students at this level.*

1. Before beginning their word processing, try this exercise with students: model for students where the Home Row keys are. Be sure students place their fingers on the Home Row correctly. Be explicit in naming the **Home Row**, the groups of letter keys, and the left and right hands, and where they go. Be sure to name the **semi-colon key**, as it will be new to them. If students are having difficulty with their left and right hand, try this exercise:

   "Hold up both hands" (model, displaying the reflection of what you want students to do). "Make an **L** with each hand. Which is the real **L**? Or phrased another way, "Which **L** is facing in the *correct* direction? Keep that hand up. That is your **Left** hand."

2. Tell students that some of them may finish their work before other students, and that you are going to give them an **IWT** activity to do. Model for students (they should only be watching, not imitating) how to open the Starfall web site → click on section 4, "**I'm Reading**" and display the library of works available here. (There are several selections in each genre that students can read.) There is more text on each page, and let students know that your expectation is that they will read most of each one without having to

click on words to hear them. Students can read as partners if you like. Once you have checked for understanding about when students should use this site, students can open MS Word™ from the Dock, or open a previously saved document and continue working on it through completion.

o This procedure can be used for all subsequent computer lab visits where writing is the focus.

Henry Anker
Starfall
    I really like the Starfall web site. My favorite part is the story called the Dune Buggy because you can drive the cars in the story. I also liked the part called All About Me because I got to make my own face and things I like. I will try to use Starfall at home after school to help me be a better reader.

Sample Student Document
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