

# Leadership Tools: BoomWriter

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“Regardless of subject area, writing, especially collaborative writing, is an important part of processing and sharing knowledge, but coordinating a class writing project can be challenging,” Ken Haynes, former middle school ELA teacher told me. I taught writing, so I know what he means. A good collaborative writing project is not easy to pull off.

Ken was looking for a new way to reach his students when he met his now business partner, Chris Twyma, a tech guru. The two built BoomWriter, a collaborative platform where teachers can guide students through the process of creating a real book.

BoomWriter makes lively, interactive learning much easier for teachers and learners. With StoryWriter, offer up a story starter and let each student write a chapter. Guide students with standards and notes that appear next to the writing pane.

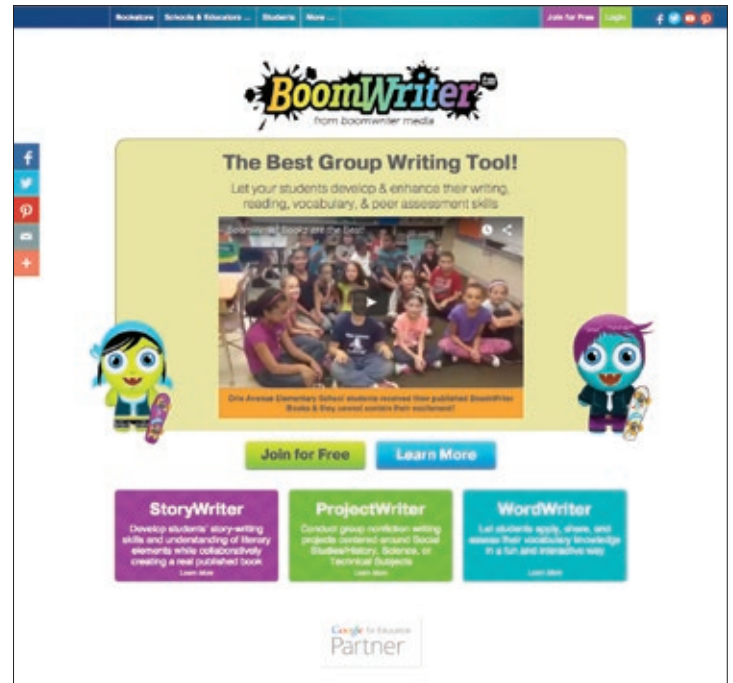
You can provide individual feedback within the app throughout the writing process and then the entire class votes on the best chapter, building a book along the way. Names are not public, so students are voting on the best content. When you are finished, you have the option to order print copies of the book, but you don’t have to. The platform itself is free.

After their initial success, Ken and his team have built two other frameworks to support writing across the curriculum. They include:

**ProjectWriter:** for nonfiction group-writing projects in science, history, and social studies.

**Wordwriter:** for vocabulary building

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