

**TABLE 3.1:**  
**Characteristics of Writers**

Emergent Writers . . .	Early Writers . . .
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are learning how print works</li> <li>• See the permanence of writing</li> <li>• Retell events in sequence</li> <li>• Use simple sentence construction</li> <li>• Use known words prominently</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have rapid recall of letters and known words</li> <li>• Will use formulaic writing</li> <li>• Have writing constrained by limited known words</li> <li>• Use story grammar</li> <li>• Write longer texts, although ideas may not be consistent</li> </ul>
Transitional Writers . . .	Self-Extending Writers . . .
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply text structures in their original writing</li> <li>• Recognize audience</li> <li>• Write longer texts with sustained ideas</li> <li>• Use more complex sentences</li> <li>• Use transition phrases and conjunctions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate a purposeful direction to audience</li> <li>• See writing as an extension of the writer</li> <li>• Write in multiple genres</li> <li>• Use words that are sophisticated and flexible</li> <li>• Engage in all aspects of editing</li> </ul>