



## **Empowering Writers Workshops**

***Each workshop is one day (5.5 hours)***

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### **Narrative Writing**

This workshop is geared for any teacher responsible for teaching narrative writing with a focus on grades 2-7. Understand the key characteristics of narrative writing as well as a proven, practical, research-based methodology that works in the real world of the classroom!

Come away with specific lesson plans with clear objectives that empower you to understand the characteristics of a range of narrative types of stories: character/problem/solution, personal experience, imaginative, realistic fiction, explore the reading-writing connection. Learn specific strategies for writing entertaining beginnings, write relevant, vivid elaborative detail, build suspense and more!

*Teacher Manual - Comprehensive Narrative Guide*

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### **Expository Writing**

This workshop is intended for teachers of students in grade 2 and above, or any teacher responsible for teaching expository writing. Understand the key characteristics of expository writing as well as a proven, practical, research-based methodology that works in the real world of the classroom. Come away with specific lesson plans with clear objectives that empower you to understand a variety of expository writing challenges such as the informational essay/report, the "how to" piece, compare contrast, and response to text. Explore the reading-writing connection by analyzing and annotating the organizational structure, learn specific strategies for crafting broad yet distinct main ideas, generating powerful supporting detail, compelling introductions and effective conclusions. Learn how to teach research skills, how to cite from multiple sources and assimilate this information seamlessly into the writing.

*Teacher Manual - Comprehensive Expository Guide (Gr 2/3, 4/5, 6-8)*

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### **Argument Writing**

This workshop is intended for teachers of students in grade 5 and above, or any teacher responsible for teaching argument writing. Understand the key characteristics of argument writing as well as a proven, practical, research-based methodology that works in the real world of the classroom! Come away with specific lesson plans and clear objectives that empower you to explore opportunities for analyzing the organizational structure of the argument essay, learn specific strategies for crafting strong introductions with attention-grabbing leads and powerful claims, understand both sides of an issue, the pros and cons, recognize and refute the alternative point of view, create clear, concise supporting reasons and more!

*Teacher Manual - Comprehensive Argumentative Writing Guide*

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## **K-1 Writing**

This workshop is geared for teachers of kindergarten and grade 1, language arts specialists, and administrators. Participants will learn how to:

- examine the development stages of writing
- explore the reagin-writing connection
- use literature and informational text as a jumping off point for instruction
- identity genre and purpose
- recognize critical elements of narrative, informational, & opinion writing
- teach age-appropriate summarization skills
- share the power vivid elaboration
- Introduce games for vocabulary development
- recognize and build suspense
- apply age-appropriate research skills

*Teacher Manual - Getting Ready to Write*

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## **Editing & Revising & More**

Empowering Writers will provide the “how” for delivering direct instruction in revising and editing. Take the mystery out of grammar, mechanics, and spelling by attending this action-packed training. Come away with so much more than just “skill and drill!”

This workshop is geared for any teacher responsible for teaching editing and revising with a focus on grades 3 and 4.

Participants will:

- Understand the parts of speech and how they are truly the building blocks of language!
- Learn effective strategies for revising run-on sentences, eliminating redundant ideas, and using transition words and phrases!
- Explore hands-on-activities designed to make learning grammar fun!
- Simplify spelling to guarantee student SUCCESS!
- Learn how to plan and pace instruction across the school year.

*Teacher Manual - Editing, Revising, & More (Grades 3 & 4) Teacher Manual*

Note: The corresponding set of 25 student books are not included as part of the registration.