

## COLLINS WRITING PROGRAM ADVANCED INSTITUTE

# ***Designing Curriculum-Based Writing Assignments (grades 4-12)***

*For teachers in all subject areas, department heads, principals, supervisors, curriculum committee members, school-based management team members, and special educators.*

Through our extensive work in schools, we find two common concerns: Students cannot complete writing assignments that require extensive effort and their writing is formulaic and without voice. This workshop will address these two issues and give teachers an efficient model for designing rigorous, content-based writing assignments that help students prepare for high stakes writing assessments.

### **PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN HOW TO . . .**

- Design clear writing assignments using a seven element template
- Apply strategies that help students add voice and personality to their writing
- Format assignments that are authentic and, therefore, more appealing
- Systematically structure assignments so that longer assignments are less daunting
- Give clear, productive feedback that will help improve students' writing
- Utilize strategies to improve self and peer editing
- Implement guidelines to create unambiguous criteria for evaluating assignments
- Arrange a sequence of assignments that produce original, non-plagiarized research papers
- Select grade appropriate essential conventions that students need to be successful writers

### **PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE . . .**

- Model assignments for immediate classroom use
- The best assignments to give at the beginning and end of the school year
- Four essential assignments that every content teacher should consider

Contact us for more information.



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