

## COLLINS WRITING PROGRAM SPECIALTY INSTITUTE

# ***Seven Sentence Building Activities to Develop Advanced Writers (grades 2-10)***

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

Good teaching involves chunking materials into digestible portions, and this is especially true in writing. Students are often asked to write long pieces without any chunking, and these assignments are frequently accompanied by an overwhelming rubric. This Institute teaches the foundation of good writing and how to build sentences—one word, one principle, one structure, one figure of speech, and one grammatical rule at a time. Your students will love the sentence building activities and will be prepared to move on to more sophisticated writing issues. If teachers ask, “Where do I begin with these kids?” this workshop will set the table.

In addition, sentence building creates a strong foundation in language and writing. Opinion, argument, informative, and narrative writing will reach higher levels because students will have a solid understanding of conventions, structures, style, and voice.

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

- Eliminate fragments and run-ons in student writing
- Employ the rules and principles of good writing from Strunk and White’s *The Elements of Style* in your classroom
- Present the structures of sentences in a logical way that students understand and can incorporate into their writing
- Use figures of speech to add a “wow effect” to student writing
- Motivate students to write clear, compelling sentences that will increase their scores on high stakes tests
- Teach focus correction areas (FCAs) using Essential Conventions *Check Mate*
- Teach word choice, formal style, and elaboration
- Integrate Sentence Building and the Collins Writing Program
- Implement a six- to eight-week plan to achieve all of the above

Contact us for more information.



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