

COLLINS WRITING PROGRAM SPECIALTY INSTITUTE

Tell a Story About a Time . . . Improving Narrative Writing (grades 2-10)

For teachers in all subject areas, curriculum coordinators, department heads, principals, supervisors, curriculum committee members, and special educators.

Narrative writing, whose primary purpose is to tell a story, is one of the most powerful forms of communication. Research shows that the human brain is wired to receive stories and as a result, stories play an important role in both informative and opinion writing. In this dynamic and extremely practical session, learn how to improve narrative writing with oral, kinesthetic, and written exercises that show all students (including ELL and SPED) how to build an effective story. This workshop is a perfect fit with the Common Core Literacy Standards because it includes text models that connect and develop reading, writing, and vocabulary skills.

The presenter will describe four ideas to improve narrative writing, expand on those ideas with demonstrations and activities, and provide strategies that educators can apply to their writing lessons. Throughout the workshop, participants will learn techniques to get every student involved in and excited about writing and help students take more responsibility for their own progress.

PARTICIPANTS WILL . . .

- Understand the four key ideas to improving narrative writing
- Be able to use text models to identify and begin to teach techniques of effective description and narration
- Be ready to implement critical strategies that improve word choice, elaboration, and dialogue
- Learn about the Pixar Formula for planning plot lines of stories
- Be prepared to introduce strategies that improve editing and revising and skills like sentence variety and transitions

Contact us for more information.



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