

Launching the Writer's Workshop

GRADES 3-12

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A FRAMEWORK OF LESSONS TO HELP LAUNCH YOUR WRITING YEAR



VIRTUAL-INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

August 2, 2023

8:00 a.m. CT

Workshop Begins

3:30 p.m. CT

Workshop Concludes

The day will include a 45-minute lunch break.

Workshop Topics

- Understand the four phases of the workshop launch.
- Learn classroom-tested routines and procedures to establish the writing environment.
- Set the tone that writing occurs daily.
- Receive organizational ideas for writers' notebooks.
- Learn day-by-day strategies to introduce the 6 Traits of Writing so teachers and students are using a common language.
- Balance free-choice writing topics with teacher-assigned topics.
- Receive ready-to-go lessons with supporting resources, activity pages, and authentic student writing samples.

Workshop Outline

Writing Topics

- Write for different purposes
- Write about what you know
- Generate ABC Chart topics

Setting Expectations

- Meet for daily instruction
- Outline sharing time/author's chair
- Support writers when they need help
- Hold writer conferences

Creating Notebooks

- Introduce the writer's notebook

Motivating Writers

- Establish a *Done List*

Developing Spelling

- Develop independent spellers
- Provide topic-driven word charts

Introducing the Six Traits

- Define each trait visually & verbally
- Reveal mentor text examples
- Sing trait-based songs

Building Rubrics

- Define "rubric"
- Establish an initial writing rubric

Who benefits?

- Grades 3-12 Teachers
- Literacy Coaches
- Literacy Coordinators
- Title I Teachers / Directors
- ELL Teachers
- High-Ability Teachers
- Administrators

When you complete this virtual workshop, you'll be able to

- ✓ Kick off the school year with a 20-day "game plan" for teaching writing.
- ✓ Establish routines to effectively manage a writer's workshop.
- ✓ Address common writer dependencies with procedural mini-lessons.
- ✓ Implement a writer's notebook in the classroom.
- ✓ Lead efficient and effective writing conferences with students.
- ✓ Develop a classroom writing rubric that students can use and understand.
- ✓ Transition from procedural lessons into the first writing unit.

WHAT YOU WILL GET



Digital Launch Book

Receive a digital copy of Launching the Writer's Workshop: Grades 3-12, loaded with lesson plans, anchor charts, and classroom photos.



Live Interactive Chat & Access to Video Recording

After interacting with Kristina and collaborating with other attendees during the live workshop, keep on learning with on-demand access to the video recording for one full year!



Secret Site Resources

Registrants receive lifetime access to a password-protected web page that contains a treasure trove of lessons, videos, and other resources for implementation.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER

Kristina Smekens

President & Lead Consultant for Smekens Education, Inc.



Kristina has a gift for making the complex seem simple—for showing teachers how to meet the needs of readers and writers by bridging the gap between education research and practical, classroom-tested strategies that work. A master of motivation, Kristina helps educators find the encouragement they need to return to their classrooms and execute change.

Well known for offering innovative ideas, Kristina has created more than 50 “Smekens Originals,” a compilation of books, guides, and classroom tools designed to help teachers implement best-practice literacy strategies. Among the most popular of these resources are her best-selling books, *Launching the Writer’s Workshop: Grades K-2* and *Grades 3-12*.



“Kristina just takes the guesswork out of everything to make it ALL make sense!”

Nicki King, teacher, Union Furnace Elementary, Union Furnace, OH

“Oh. My. Goodness. Kristina is an amazing and entertaining presenter! Her energy is SO motivating and inspirational! Loved it ALL!”

Staci Rooze, teacher, Wea Ridge Middle School, Lafayette, IN

“All of the ideas shared today are readily accessible. I can USE this PD information in my classroom, right from the start.”

Patricia Nagle, teacher, Ockerman Middle School, Florence, KY

“The energy of the presentation was awesome. I appreciated that it was chunked and it gave us time to be able to get up after 45/50 minutes and stretch and then come back to start the next session. I loved the ideas for synchronous and asynchronous learning!”

JodiLyn Simmons-Machota, instructional coach, Joliet Public Schools District 86, Joliet, IL

“I liked how I could take screenshots of things happening on the screen so that I could go back to them again. I liked the ability to eat, drink, and use the bathroom as needed without losing any screen time. It was great visually!”

Jaime Borkholder, teacher, Hawthorne Elementary School, Elkhart, IN

“I finally feel like I have a handle on how to approach writing. As a middle school history teacher who has to also do a period of writing, this has been invaluable. Loved it!”

Huston Mathias, teacher, Ingersoll Middle School, Canton, IL



Continuing Education Credit

With prior approval from the attendee’s school district, participants may receive credit for 5.5 hours of professional development. After the workshop, attendees receive a Certificate of Completion which can be used to verify participation. Illinois educators who attend the live workshop may earn state-approved professional development credit thanks to a partnership with the Illinois ASCD.

Graduate-Level Credit

Workshop attendees are eligible to pursue 1, 2, or 3 nationally-accredited graduate-level semester credits/units for a full-day session. Through a partnership with University of the Pacific, the cost is \$62 per graduate-level credit/unit. After the workshop, attendees have 6 months to complete the required coursework. The cost of graduate credit is separate from the cost of workshop registration.



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