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Launching the Writer's Workshop

Grades 3-12

A framework of lessons to help launch your writers' workshop

An online workshop - you select the time

SIMPLE & EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE ACHIEVEMENT IN WRITING

Online Workshop Overview

Many teachers have confessed that they struggle to get their writer's workshop off the ground. *What should I do to get the writer's workshop started? What are key lessons to jump-start my writing curriculum? How fast or slow should I move?* Regardless of the writing model you're currently using, this online workshop provides teachers in grades 3-12 with a powerful framework of lessons that can help launch their writer's workshop. Throughout the sessions, teachers will have the opportunity to plot and plan their own instructional calendar for teaching writing in the writer's workshop format. At the end of the online sessions, teachers will be ready to launch their writer's workshop with their personalized blueprints in hand.

Presented by Kristina Smekens

Kristina Smekens has built a reputation for using enthusiasm, humor, and common sense to equip K-12 educators with practical, demystifying strategies for teaching reading and writing. Beyond providing teachers with practical classroom techniques, Kristina is also a master of motivation. By demonstrating enthusiasm for innovation, she helps educators find the encouragement they need to return to their classrooms and execute change. As president and lead consultant for Smekens Education, she is constantly developing new strategies to help teachers meet the demands of today's College and Career-Ready Standards.

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.

When you complete the workshop, you'll be able to:

- Kick off the writer's workshop 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.
- Transition from procedural lessons into the first writing unit.

Top questions teachers ask about launching writing:

- Which workshop procedures are essential for effective classroom management?
- What physical spaces and places should I have within my classroom environment?
- How do I motivate my writers to use class time productively?
- How do I help my students develop more interesting writing topics?
- How can I motivate students to go beyond "fixing their mistakes" during revision?
- What are some proven methods for introducing students to the 6 Traits of Writing?
- How do I effectively organize my students' writings in notebooks, binders, or folders

6 Professional Development Hours available - Individual and team pricing -FREE Digital book included

Who should attend? Grade 3 -12 Teachers, Literacy Coaches, Title 1 Teachers/Directors, ELL Teachers, 3 -12 High Ability teachers, Administrators

Sessions available December 1, 2020- February 28, 2021

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1 Person Each	2 People Each	3 People Each	Larger groups Each
___$139	___ $130**	___$124**	___Call for special pricing

Conference Fees $_____

** 2 or more attendees from the same school district/organization. (Call for info on larger team discounts 618-203-3993)

IL ASCD 1 year Membership Fee (add $49) $ _____

Total Registration Fees $ _____

Registration deadline is February 21, 2021. A $15.00 fee will be charged for cancellations made in writing prior to the deadline. No refunds will be given after the deadline. Confirmation will be sent via e-mail after your registration is processed. Registrations can be transferred to another individual by faxing information to 309-438-5364 or by emailing dscowde@ilstu.edu

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Mail: Send completed form with check or copy of PO to: IL ASCD Smekens 3-12— Illinois State University, Conference Services, Campus Box 8610, Normal, IL 61790-8610.

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