

MSSA K-8 Writing Strategies Agenda

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The challenges of this year are making us rethink how we engage young learners in writing. One important priority should be on helping students use their writing to facilitate critical thinking, especially about text. To do this, we need to provide opportunities for short and extended writing across genres, audiences, and for a variety of purposes. Strategies need to be fun and engaging to help students connect with the task as well as to promote a sense of self-efficacy. Dr. Tammy Elser and Stephanie Swigart are teaming up to provide engaging, accessible writing strategies and resources that teachers can use in their classrooms across curricula and with diverse learners. These dynamic standards-aligned strategies and resources will help your students engage in writing and build their skills.

9:00	Sign-In, Introduction, and Zoom Meeting Procedures
9:15	Writing Into the Day (and Free-Writing Fire Drill explanation/prompt)
9:30	Strategies Session 1 Breakout Rooms: K-5 and 6-8
10:30	Break
10:45	Strategies Session 2 Breakout Rooms: K-5 and 6-8
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Teacher Learning Hub Writing Courses Independent Learning: (Chose one) Using Writing to Teach Critical Thinking (1hr) Using Assessment to Enhance Writing (6hrs) Write from the Start k-2 Writing Strategies (12hrs) Writing to Learn 3-5 Writing Strategies (12 hrs) Writing Across the Disciplines: Middle School (6hrs) Writing Across The Disciplines: High School (6hrs)
2:00	Takeaways Collaborative Discussion (Hold your thinking!)
2:30	smART Annotated student writing samples
3:00	Tools for Teachers Formative Assessment Writing Strategies and
3:45	Questions, Answers and Discussion
4:00	Release