



This training focuses on a framework of simple, concrete writing strategies that help teachers increase their students' performance on state writing assessments at all levels.

- DATE:** June 23-24, 2010 **TIME:** 8:00am – 4:00pm
- LOCATION:** Country Inn & Suites by Carlson, Athens, Georgia
www.countryinns.com/hotels/gaathens
Conference Rooms
- COST:** \$480/teacher—Double Occupancy
\$580/teacher—Single Occupancy
(includes hotel room, teacher materials and breakfast & lunch each day)
- BRING:** Course standards and/or a textbook

The sessions include the following elements:

- Learning rituals and routines that effectively teach each step of the writing process.
- Focusing on the *genre* of narrative, persuasive and expository (informational) writing.
- Scoring student writing using a standard writing rubric to achieve reliability.
- Using a primary-trait rubric to streamline teacher commentaries of first drafts.
- Conditioning students to successful revising and proofreading (editing).
- Using student-friendly rubrics for peer-revision and peer-evaluation.
- Measuring growth in writing with reliable pretests and posttests.
- Creating and administering writing topic prompts similar to state and national writing assessments.

Name _____ **Title** _____

School Name _____ **District** _____

School Address _____

School Phone # _____ **Home Phone #** _____

School E-mail _____

Home E-mail _____

_____ Check here if you are interested in receiving PLU credit for this workshop.

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Grade level of materials that I prefer for this workshop (please circle one):

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Workshop Questions?
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Genre Writing Boosts Performance on Writing Assessment

Writing to Win focus studies action research in classrooms

Tiger Creek Elementary School—How the *Writing to Win Working Portfolio for Students* impacted student performance on the Georgia Grade 5 writing assessment.

Teacher	2007	2008	Change
Beginning teachers of writing	52%	76%	+24%
Veteran teachers of writing	68%	78%	+10%

Writing Cycle Packets bring the students of beginning teachers of writing up to the standard in nine weeks. In 2007, for the benefit of student performance across the curriculum, the principal at Tiger Creek Elementary asked two **5th-grade ELA teachers** new to teaching writing to prepare their home room classes for the 2007 Georgia Writing Assessment. Their students performed 16% lower than students in classes

with veteran teachers of writing. The next year, a *Writing to Win* consultant trained the two teachers, using the *Writing Cycle Packets for Students* in the **informational** and **persuasive genres**. As indicated in the chart below, the 16% performance gap between students of veteran and new teachers of writing all but disappeared on the 2008 Georgia Grade 5 Writing Assessment.

In 2007 the Georgia Grade 8 Writing Assessment performance standards were changed for the **expository** and **persuasive** genres of writing. “In the middle of all the changes, I just became overwhelmed,” a teacher at Twiggs County Middle School explained. “The next year when Dr. Combs presented our school with the *Writing Cycle Packets for Students* and *Teachers* for the four genres of our state curriculum, I was ecstatic. They helped me regain control in

the teaching of writing. The next year, 65.7% of the students met the state standard for the writing test, a remarkable 23.2% increase over the previous 8th graders. It was a time for celebration in this rural school district in middle Georgia.

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Twiggs County Middle School—How *Writing Cycle Packets* impacted student performance on the Georgia Grade 8 Writing Assessment.

Group	2007	2008	Change
Twiggs County Grade 8	42.5%	65.7%	+23.2%
State of Georgia	70.1%	77.0%	+6.9%