



# Functional Writing: Teaching the News Article format in Grade 6 ELA

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## Target Audience

Grades 6 English Language Arts teachers

## About this Learning Opportunity

Part A of the ELA PAT requires students to write a news article. In this 90 minute session, Karen will break down the components of this functional writing task and help you target your instruction. We will address the following areas which will help students become more confident, competent writers:

- awareness of audience
- completeness of information
- relevance of information
- clarity of information

## About the Facilitator(s)

**Karen Filewych** has twenty-five years of educational experience as an elementary teacher, school administrator, and language arts consultant. In 2007, she completed her Master of Education degree in the area of literacy. Karen's first book - *How Do I Get Them to Write?* - was published by Pembroke Publishers in May of 2017. Her second book - *Freewriting with Purpose* - was published in January of 2019. Both books are practical guides for the teaching of writing and include lists of mentor texts for each area of study. Karen continues to write and has some exciting projects in the works!

Karen presents regularly for teachers on a variety of topics. She especially enjoys working with students through school-based writing residencies to demonstrate how writing can transform their work and their lives in the classroom and beyond. She also offers parent literacy evenings providing simple, effective ways to engage children in literacy-rich activities in the home.

Subscribe to her blog or visit her website for more information: [www.wordschangeworlds.ca](http://www.wordschangeworlds.ca). Follow her on [Twitter](#), Instagram, or Facebook for teaching ideas and book suggestions.

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