

How Do I Get Them to Write? Narratives

Facilitator(s):	Karen Filewych, Tannis Niziol
Date(s):	<i>This is a multi-day event.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Day 1: Jan 21, 2023 (9:30 am to 11:00 am)• Day 2: Jan 28, 2023 (9:30 am to 11:00 am)
Cost:	\$40.00
Location:	Virtual
Session Code:	23-LI-343

Target Audience

Grades 1-6 English Language Arts Teachers

About this Learning Opportunity

Are you unsure of how to approach the teaching of narrative writing? Do students have difficulty developing their stories? Do your students' stories all sound the same?

During this session, you will learn how to use plot patterns and appropriate mentor texts to dramatically improve student writing. By providing the structure of a plot pattern, students will become more willing and more confident story writers. We will also explore how to teach related skills such as setting, character, and dialogue by using mentor texts and leveraging the writing process to our best advantage as teachers.

About the Facilitator(s)

Karen Filewych

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. Follow her on Twitter, Instagram, or Facebook for teaching ideas and book suggestions.

Tannis Niziol

Tannis is currently supporting Alberta teachers as a Professional Learning Facilitator with the Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium. She recently served as a curriculum consultant for the Edmonton Catholic School Division. Throughout her 30-year career as an educator, in both Edmonton and Winnipeg, Tannis remains passionate about

teaching and learning, and the need for explicit literacy apprenticeship at all levels in all subject areas. Tannis is a voracious reader who believes all students deserve access to rich, diverse reading experiences and to a safe equitable space to talk about what they see, hear, think and feel. She is on a journey to disrupt and bring clarity to the conversations that drive our planning and assessment practice.

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