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## Chapter 1 : A Guide to the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project Classroom

*Jack Gantos visits the Project. The rain was no match for the energy and brightness of Jack Gantos on Tuesday, September This Calendar Day felt different because of the young people filling the halls of Teachers College.*

Curriculum to Build a Community of Writers October Being a Writer is a flexible writing curriculum for grades Kâ€”6 based on the writers workshop model. Meeting Common Core Standards, Grades , March In this chapter the authors explain the critical role of narrative writing in the Common Core State Standards and in helping English learners develop their English and succeed in English Language Arts coursework in the secondary grades. School-Home Partnerships That Support Student Learning, March In this chapter the authors discuss what they have learned from families and how family funds of knowledge became central to their curriculum, creating what they call a "connectional curriculum"â€”practices that link classroom learning with families and communities. The book is a set of portraits from K classrooms that illustrate how teachers used the U. Rights of the Child as a framework to engage students in critical inquiry of relevant social issues. The first major research findings from the group were released in its report Remodeling Literacy Learning: Making Room for What Works. Graves, Sherry Swain, David Morse This article explores generative rhetoric, the practice of generating and adding new content in the form of modifiers to an existing sentence, and its use for improving the quality of writing in secondary schools. Convention on the Rights of the Child. In chapter one, Allen explains what "critical inquiry" came to mean for the teachers and their students, and examines the critical research, stories, and multiple perspectives on the topic. In this chapter, Fecho discusses the multiple tensions that can enter the classroom and offers substantive ways to address them. In this chapter, Draper lays out a framework to support collaboration between literacy specialists and content-area educators. Writing to Create Community English Journal, July Deborah Dean, a professor of English education at Brigham Young University, and Adrienne Warren, a teacher-consultant with the Central Utah Writing Project, describe informal writing assignments that have helped their students develop communal bonds with their classmates and learn more about writing well. Research and Ideas in Writing Across the Curriculum July The WAC Journal continues the conversation on writing across the curriculum with their November issue and provides a collection of articles by educators exchanging practical ideas, pertinent theory, and their WAC experiences. Anson and Karla Lyles continue to track how the WAC movement developed and examine how writing was taught in a range of disciplines in the years â€” A Layered Approach to Jump-Starting Engagement Voices from the Middle, June Nanci Werner-Burke, director of the Endless Mountain Writing Project Pennsylvania , along with co-authors and teacher-consultants Jane Spohn, Jessica Spencer, Bobbi Button, and Missie Morral, discuss how teachers can truly engage students in the classroom to "jump-start" learning, which include experimenting with various digital tools and alternate texts. May 30, , marks the th episode of TTT, a remarkable achievement in the educational technology landscape. Writing Our Way to Success, which was begun at that retreat, chronicles much of her first year as a high school special education teacher. Goering discusses his early experiences with the Writing Project and how it shaped him as a teacher. Video Game Design in the Classroom Wisconsin English Journal, Author and teacher Greg Kehring shares his experience of using video game design as a way of teaching the writing process to his middle school students.

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## Chapter 2 : Teachers College Reading and Writing Project | Refresh - Brewster Central School District

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Before I could do this, I knew I would need to take a step back from my day-to-day work to rethink my teaching practice and beliefs. Doing so turned out to be the smartest professional decision of my career. Every evening, my thinking was stretched through readings, discussion, debate and instruction. Each morning, I tried out my latest thinking with children in public school classrooms, and each evening, I took new observations back to my courses. This balance of theory and practice, and the learning that happened as the two intersected, is one of the reasons I was drawn to the program and one factor that makes it unique. Also unique to this program is its close partnership with the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project. The opportunity to intern with TCRWP during the second half of my year not only allowed me to study literacy instruction taught by one of the best in the field, it also gave me insight into methods of staff development. I was then able to try out some of this work myself, coaching teachers as they worked with emergent readers, supporting the development of assessment tools, and contributing to the writing of curriculum. The experience was invaluable. After a while, working in an environment this intellectually engaging begins to feel normal—that is, until you take a moment to pause and reflect. This happened one afternoon when I struck up a conversation with a visiting professor who asked about my program. In a rush to resume my work, I gave her a quick description and concluded by saying that it was overall pretty great. A few minutes earlier, I had finished revising a piece of writing for a course with Lucy Calkins. At that moment, I was preparing for a discussion on multimodality in a class taught by Marjorie Siegel. I had indeed won the literacy lottery. I entered this program as a teacher committed to the importance of literacy in the lives of children. I left with that conviction reaffirmed, the skills to do something about it, a network of people to support me, and a vision for what is possible in schools. But I also left with something more—a sense of possibility for the future that comes with seeing myself in ways I had never before considered. Yes, I am a teacher with a commitment to the importance of literacy, and now, I am also a researcher, a leader, a writer. I have Teachers College to thank for that.

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## Chapter 3 : Teacher's College and Lucy Calkins Classroom Libraries

*Adopted at the J.F.K. Elementary School and the C.V. Starr Intermediate School. After careful review and feedback from teachers, Brewster joined the Teachers College (at Columbia University) Reading and Writing Project (TCRWP), which has an international and national network of educators who participate in this research based literacy project as their source of the professional learning.*

Grade 4 Units of Study Interpreting Characters: Assessment-Based Instruction, Grades will be used by teachers to differentiate and support small group work and one-to-one conferring. A collection of assessments called Reading Pathways: Grades to assist students. The Reading Workshop Classroom Schedules vary in the reading and writing workshop, but ample time is needed so that children have daily exposure that follows a balanced literacy approach. The following processes can be observed in a reading workshop: A read aloud, which Dr. A whole class mini-lesson, which is no longer than 10 minutes, is used to teach students an important reading strategy that they can apply a few minutes later and reference in the future when they need it. After the mini-lesson, children go off to read independently either in book clubs with other students who are reading the same book, alone or with a partner. A hallmark of the reading workshop is that it provides a crucial time for students to receive feedback from their teacher while they are working. When children are reading, the teacher is conferring with students individually, in skill groups or in small guided reading groups. During this time, the teacher is assessing, supporting, scaffolding, and extending student thinking and learning by acting as a coach or facilitator. Younger children are engaged in more interactive work which includes shared reading, interactive writing, storytelling, guided reading and word study phonological and phonemic awareness. For younger children, there is daily teaching of phonics, spelling and vocabulary. At some point during the middle of the reading workshop, the teacher brings the whole class back together to share a mid-workshop teaching point that will help all readers. This five minutes is taken to redirect the students. The teacher may forego this mid-point teaching moment if this interrupts the engagement or momentum. The teacher will know what to do. The reading workshop ends with the teacher bringing the class back together as a whole and connecting the students back to the mini-lesson. This short time, 10 minutes, is dominated by student talk about how they applied a strategy and stretched their thinking. It is important for children to know that learning is transferable and that they need to be able to recall and apply strategies and skills that have been previously taught. The Writing Workshop Classroom Like the reading workshop, children need to write daily. Schedules will differ and more time may need to be added to the literacy block. This approach relies upon the active and explicit teaching of writing skills and strategies that real writers use in their craft. In this approach, the teacher demonstrates the process that writers use to be successful in the type of writing that is being studied in a particular unit of study as cited above. Teachers scaffold so that students practice the steps for the type of writing that they are modeling. Teachers release students to write independently to draw upon strategies and skills that they have been taught. This process differs across grades because capacity and stamina are developed over time. The following components can be observed in a writing workshop: A whole class mini-lesson, which is no longer than 10 minutes, is used to teach children an important reading strategy that they can apply a few minutes later and reference in the future when they need it. Teachers may use document cameras, Smart boards or anchor charts to demonstrate a particular strategy for writing. After the mini-lesson, children go off to a writing center, their desks, the floor or a place that they can comfortably write independently for about 35 minutes. Children are writing in a writing folder, writing notebook or booklet depending upon the grade level. Like the reading workshop, the teacher is assessing, supporting, scaffolding, and extending student thinking and learning by acting as a coach or facilitator. When children are writing, the teacher is conferring with individuals or conducting skill or strategy groups with students. Over time and with guidance from the teacher, children move from rehearsal to drafting. In drafting, children focus on the subject of their writing. Because it is important for children to transfer strategies and skills across their work, they

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may reference a mentor text or text that illustrates a particular style of writing that they are emulating. During this process, children reflect on their writing and thinking. After revision, comes editing. The editing process is taught within mini-lessons, during mid-workshop teaching, during share sessions and homework assignments. The teacher uses authentic examples to share with students to illustrate editing. After the editing process, the teacher checks the student work once again before it is published displayed publically in the room or electronically. Overtime, students accumulate a variety of types of writing in their writing print or digital portfolios. The writing workshop ends with the teacher bringing the class back together as a whole and connecting the students back to the mini-lesson. This short time, 10 minutes, is dominated by students sharing how they applied a strategy and stretched their writing and thinking. As in the reading workshop, it is important for children to know that learning is transferable and that they need to be able to recall and apply strategies and skills that have been previously taught. Please review the videos on the Teachers College web site provided in the links embedded above to get a better sense of this form of pedagogy and learning. We look forward to helping children to become more powerful readers and writers.

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## Chapter 4 : Teaching Writing - Resource Topics - National Writing Project

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Introduce multi-genre writing in the context of community service. When Michael rode his bike without training wheels for the first time, this occasion provided a worthwhile topic to write about. We became a community. Establish an email dialogue between students from different schools who are reading the same book. When high school teacher Karen Murar and college instructor Elaine Ware, teacher-consultants with the Western Pennsylvania Writing Project, discovered students were scheduled to read the August Wilson play *Fences* at the same time, they set up email communication between students to allow some "teacherless talk" about the text. Rather than typical teacher-led discussion, the project fostered independent conversation between students. Formal classroom discussion of the play did not occur until students had completed all email correspondence. Though teachers were not involved in student online dialogues, the conversations evidenced the same reading strategies promoted in teacher-led discussion, including predication, clarification, interpretation, and others. Back to top 3. Use writing to improve relations among students. Diane Waff, co-director of the Philadelphia Writing Project, taught in an urban school where boys outnumbered girls four to one in her classroom. The situation left girls feeling overwhelmed, according to Waff, and their "voices faded into the background, overpowered by more aggressive male voices. She then introduced literature that considered relationships between the sexes, focusing on themes of romance, love, and marriage. In the beginning there was a great dissonance between male and female responses. According to Waff, "Girls focused on feelings; boys focused on sex, money, and the fleeting nature of romantic attachment. Help student writers draw rich chunks of writing from endless sprawl. Jan Matsuoka, a teacher-consultant with the Bay Area Writing Project California, describes a revision conference she held with a third grade English language learner named Sandee, who had written about a recent trip to Los Angeles. I made a small frame out of a piece of paper and placed it down on one of her drawings – a sketch she had made of a visit with her grandmother. Back to top 5. For each letter of the alphabet, the students find an appropriately descriptive word for themselves. Students elaborate on the word by writing sentences and creating an illustration. In the process, they make extensive use of the dictionary and thesaurus. One student describes her personality as sometimes "caustic," illustrating the word with a photograph of a burning car in a war zone. Her caption explains that she understands the hurt her "burning" sarcastic remarks can generate. Back to top 6. Help students analyze text by asking them to imagine dialogue between authors. John Levine, a teacher-consultant with the Bay Area Writing Project California, helps his college freshmen integrate the ideas of several writers into a single analytical essay by asking them to create a dialogue among those writers. He tells his students, for instance, "imagine you are the moderator of a panel discussion on the topic these writers are discussing. The essay follows from this preparation. Back to top 7. Spotlight language and use group brainstorming to help students create poetry. The following is a group poem created by second grade students of Michelle Fler, a teacher-consultant with the Dakota Writing Project South Dakota. Underwater Crabs crawl patiently along the ocean floor searching for prey. Fish soundlessly weave their way through slippery seaweed Whales whisper to others as they slide through the salty water. And silent waves wash into a dark cave where an octopus is sleeping. Fler helped her students get started by finding a familiar topic. In this case her students had been studying sea life. She asked them to brainstorm language related to the sea, allowing them time to list appropriate nouns, verbs, and adjectives. The students then used these words to create phrases and used the phrases to produce the poem itself. Back to top 8. Ask students to reflect on and write about their writing. Douglas James Joyce, a teacher-consultant with the Denver Writing Project, makes use of what he calls "metawriting" in his college writing classes. He sees metawriting writing about writing as a way to help students reduce errors in their academic prose. Joyce explains one metawriting strategy: He instructs the

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student to write a one page essay, comparing and contrasting three sources that provide guidance on the established use of that particular convention, making sure a variety of sources are available. Ease into writing workshops by presenting yourself as a model. Glorianne Bradshaw, a teacher-consultant with the Red River Valley Writing Project North Dakota , decided to make use of experiences from her own life when teaching her first-graders how to write. For example, on an overhead transparency she shows a sketch of herself stirring cookie batter while on vacation. She writes the phrase "made cookies" under the sketch. Then she asks students to help her write a sentence about this. She writes the words who, where, and when. Using these words as prompts, she and the students construct the sentence, "I made cookies in the kitchen in the morning. Then she asks them, "Tell me more. Do the cookies have chocolate chips? Does the pizza have pepperoni? Rather than taking away creativity, Bradshaw believes this kind of structure gives students a helpful format for creativity. Back to top Get students to focus on their writing by holding off on grading. Stephanie Wilder found that the grades she gave her high school students were getting in the way of their progress. The weaker students stopped trying. Other students relied on grades as the only standard by which they judged their own work. She continued to comment on papers, encourage revision, and urge students to meet with her for conferences. But she waited to grade the papers. It took a while for students to stop leafing to the ends of their papers in search of a grade, and there was some grumbling from students who had always received excellent grades. But she believes that because she was less quick to judge their work, students were better able to evaluate their efforts themselves. Erin Pirnot Ciccone, teacher-consultant with the Pennsylvania Writing and Literature Project , found a way to make more productive the "Monday morning gab fest" she used as a warm-up with her fifth grade students. She conceived of "Headline News. The writers then told the stories behind their headlines. As each student had only three minutes to talk, they needed to make decisions about what was important and to clarify details as they proceeded. On Tuesday, students committed their stories to writing. Give students a chance to write to an audience for real purpose. Slagle, high school teacher and teacher-consultant with the Louisville Writing Project Kentucky , understands the difference between writing for a hypothetical purpose and writing to an audience for real purpose. She illustrates the difference by contrasting two assignments. Write a review of an imaginary production of the play we have just finished studying in class. They must adapt to a voice that is not theirs and pretend to have knowledge they do not have. Slagle developed a more effective alternative: Practice and play with revision techniques. Mark Farrington, college instructor and teacher-consultant with the Northern Virginia Writing Project , believes teaching revision sometimes means practicing techniques of revision. An exercise like "find a place other than the first sentence where this essay might begin" is valuable because it shows student writers the possibilities that exist in writing. In his college fiction writing class, Farrington asks students to choose a spot in the story where the main character does something that is crucial to the rest of the story. At that moment, Farrington says, they must make the character do the exact opposite. Bernadette Lambert, teacher-consultant with the Kennesaw Mountain Writing Project Georgia , wondered what would happen if she had her sixth-grade students pair with an adult family member to read a book. She asked the students about the kinds of books they wanted to read mysteries, adventure, ghost stories and the adults about the kinds of books they wanted to read with the young people character-building values, multiculturalism, no ghost stories. Using these suggestions for direction, Lambert developed a list of 30 books. From this list, each student-adult pair chose one. They committed themselves to read and discuss the book and write separate reviews. Most of the students, says Lambert, were proud to share a piece of writing done by their adult reading buddy. Several admitted that they had never before had this level of intellectual conversation with an adult family member. Teach "tension" to move students beyond fluency. One day, in front of the class, she demonstrated tension with a rubber band. Looped over her finger, the rubber band merely dangled. The initial prompt read, "Think of a friend who is special to you. Write about something your friend has done for you, you have done for your friend, or you have done together. Students talked about times they had let their friends down or times their friends had let them down, and how they had managed to stay friends in spite of their problems. In other

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words, we talked about some tense situations that found their way into their writing. Encourage descriptive writing by focusing on the sounds of words. Ray Skjelbred, middle school teacher at Marin Country Day School, wants his seventh grade students to listen to language. He wants to begin to train their ears by asking them to make lists of wonderful sounding words. They may use their own words, borrow from other contributors, add other words as necessary, and change word forms.

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## Chapter 5 : TC Reading and Writing Project on Vimeo

*Teacher's College Reading and Writing Project Jun 1, | CVS, News & Media Students in Mrs. Flasz's, Dr. Lavelle's and Mrs. Elk's Fifth Grade ELA class studied the unit, "The Lens of History", as part of the Teacher College Reading and Writing Project.*

Proven Tools and Methods It is an understatement to say these units have been piloted many times. The teaching in these books has been planned, taught, revised, and retaught, through a cycle of improvement involving literally thousands of classrooms in schools dotting the globe. The 7 Essentials of Writing Instruction "When a student enters your school, what promise do you make about the writing education he or she will receive? Writing needs to be taught like any other basic skill, with explicit instruction and ample opportunity for practice. Almost every day, every student needs between fifty and sixty minutes for writing instruction. Writers write to put meaning onto the page. Young people will especially invest themselves in their writing if they write about subjects that are important to them. The easiest way to support investment in writing is to teach children to choose their own topics most of the time. Children deserve to be explicitly taught how to write. Instruction matters—and this includes instruction in spelling and conventions, as well as in the qualities and strategies of good writing. Students deserve the opportunity and instruction necessary for them to cycle through the writing process as they write: For children to write well, they need opportunities to read and hear texts read, and to read as insiders, studying what other authors have done that they, too, could try. Students deserve clear goals and frequent feedback. They need to hear ways their writing is getting better and to know what their next steps might be. Download Guide Chapter Read More. To read more about how you can work with colleagues to articulate the vision guiding writing instruction at your school, download the sample chapter for your grade level, excerpted from *A Guide to the Writing Workshop Primary, Intermediate, and Middle School Grades*. Series Components Units of Study Four Units of Study per grade level include all the teaching points, minilessons, conferences, and small group work for a comprehensive workshop curriculum. *A Guide to the Writing Workshop* Describes the essential principles, methods, and structures of effective writing workshop instruction. Available for separate purchase—ideal for administrators and coaches who are supporting implementation of Units of Study. Performance Assessments and Learning Progressions A powerful assessment system offering learning progressions, performance assessments, student checklists, rubrics, and leveled writing exemplars. Trade Book Packs recommended optional purchase Across each unit, trade books are used to model effective writing techniques, encourage students to read as writers, and provide background knowledge. Online Resources The Online Resources offer downloadable, printable files for the anchor charts, student exemplars, homework assignments, checklists, and assessment resources. Online Resources - Spanish Translations Spanish translations of resources such as teaching points, anchor charts, and student self-assessment resources are provided, along with lists of Spanish-language mentor texts. Grade-Level Video Orientations In these video courses, Lucy Calkins and her colleagues provide an overview of the units along with tips and guidelines to help teachers get off to a good start. Who should choose the Up the Ladder units? Teachers in grades 3–6 whose students are new to writing workshop Teachers in grades 3 and up who want to help students accelerate their progress in writing Teachers in intermediate grades who want to give their students a refresher in writing workshop fundamentals Note that Up the Ladder units are not meant to be an alternative to the core Units of Study, but rather a ramp to accelerate kids to the grade-level work they will do in those units.

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*Reading and Writing Project, Columbia University, Heather Michael.*

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