

6+1 Trait® Writing Assessment: Introductory Institute for Teachers of Grades K–3



Implemented in thousands of classrooms worldwide, the 6+1 Trait® Writing Model of Instruction & Assessment is a powerful framework designed to help teachers use a common language to refer to characteristics of writing as well as create a common vision of what good writing looks like. Students like the model because it guides them in pinpointing areas of strength and weakness as they continue to improve their writing.

This three-day workshop introduces teachers of grades K–3 to this popular analytic writing instruction and assessment model—providing them with strategies to help students identify quality in writing, manage their own writing process, practice effective revision and editing skills, and become confident writers.

PARTICIPANTS

Classroom, special education, and ELL teachers; literacy coaches and trainers; curriculum specialists; and school and district administrators are encouraged to attend.

Participants will learn to evaluate student writing across the seven traits of performance: ideas, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, conventions, plus presentation. After becoming familiar with the traits, teachers will practice using them to assess and provide effective feedback on student writing. The second day will focus on integrating the traits into classroom instructional practice. The third day will be spent planning a year's worth of Trait instruction at your specific grade level.

This 6+1 Trait® Writing Assessment: Introductory Institute (or comparable NWREL training on-site workshop) is a prerequisite for educators who wish to register for our advanced institutes.

OUTCOMES

Participants of the introductory institute will:

- Learn to formatively evaluate student writing across seven dimensions of performance: ideas, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, conventions, and presentation
- Practice using trait rubrics to score work samples and provide effective feedback
- Develop the ability to consistently and accurately assess student writing
- Apply knowledge of the traits to build a link between assessment and instruction
- Build a learning community that shares a common vocabulary and vision of quality writing performance
- Learn to implement the traits at the primary level following the popular guidebook, *Seeing With New Eyes*
- Leave with a Year-Long Plan for introducing and teaching the Traits at your choice of grade level(s)

FACILITATOR



Carolyn McMahon is a high-energy, literature-loving kindergarten teacher. Having spent 16 years in education, including teaching kindergarten, first, and second grade, and four years as an elementary librarian, her current passion is writing with the youngest students. Carolyn has taught across the United States, from California to Washington, D.C. Her wealth of experience, positive outlook, and wit are evident in her writing contributions and workshop presentations. Carolyn is the co-author of *Wee Can™ Write*, *Wee Can™ Count*, the newest guidebook— *Wee Can™ Celebrate*, and several other NWREL products.

Location: The institute will be held at the Skamania Lodge Resort in Stevenson, Washington, at 1131 SW Skamania Lodge Way; Stevenson, WA 98648. We will be meeting in their conference center.

Schedule: May 28–30: Three-day institute addressing grades K–3
Institute hours are 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. each day. Breakfast begins at 8 a.m.; lunch is served at 12 noon.

Lodging: Skamania Lodge—www.skamania.com; (509)427-7700—is a magnificent mountain resort nestled on 175 wooded acres. It is located in the spectacular Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. The rustic yet elegant, grand mountain Lodge is located just 45 miles east of Portland, Oregon, on the Washington side of the Columbia River. The group rate is \$110 per night plus a daily resort fee which includes parking. Please ask for the NWREL block when booking your reservation.

REGISTRATION

The size of this institute is limited so early registration is strongly encouraged. Please call first to confirm before making any nonrefundable travel reservations. To register, return this registration form (PDF, one form per person) along with a check or purchase order payable to “NWREL.” Send to: **NWREL Finance Office (2443-001)**

101 SW Main Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97204-3213

You may also phone or fax your registration to Mark Workman: Phone: (503) 275-9572 Fax: (503) 275-0450

Registration forms received without a purchase order number, Visa, MasterCard, or enclosed check will not reserve your spot at the institute. Should you need to cancel your registration, refunds (minus a \$75 processing fee) are available with written notification at least seven working days prior to the institute.

Fees: Before April 11, 2008: \$565 After April 11, 2008: \$605 Fee includes all materials, supplies, breakfast, and lunch.

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