It’s Always the “Write” Time for Writer’s Workshop!

Developing a Unit of Study for Persuasion
“It is essential that children are deeply involved in writing, that they share their texts with others, and that they perceive themselves as authors. I believe these three things are interconnected. A sense of authorship comes from the struggle to put something big and vital into print, and from seeing one’s own printed words reach the hearts and minds of readers.”

-Lucy Calkins
• Minilesson,
• Independent Writing Time with teacher conferencing
• Sharing
• [30-45 minutes 3-5 times a week]
• How the yearlong writing curriculum is divided
• Helps children learn to write within a particular genre, such as personal narratives, poetry, nonfiction, etc.
• Could also focus on particular aspects of the writing process such as revision
• 4 types of....
• procedures/organization
• strategies/processes
• skills
• craft/techniques
...a curricular skill in which students develop the ability to communicate ideas in a variety of written forms.
The World of Writing

- Minilessons
- Units of Study
- Writer’s Workshop
- Writing
Possible Units of Study: Grades 4-5

- Launching the Writer’s Workshop
- **Persuasive**
  - Personal Narrative
  - Research
  - Memoir
  - Mysteries
  - Fiction
- Authors as Mentors
- Literary Nonfiction
- Poetry
- Speeches
- Feature Articles
- Picture Book Study
- The Craft of Revision
Quick write….
What if persuasion didn’t exist?
Persuasive Unit of Study

- Fact and Opinion
- Point of View
- Argument/Counterargument
- Knowing your Audience
- How to Make a Case
- Understanding the Rhetorical Question
- Pros/Cons
Persuasive Writing
Publishing Options

• Essays
• Travel Brochures
• Advertisements
• Book Reviews
• Video Game Reviews
• Restaurant Reviews
• Music Reviews

• Speeches
• Letter
Where do writers get ideas?

Things they know...

Things they care about...
Collecting Seed Ideas....

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“Fair and Unfair (List and Star)”

Inside Notebooks: Bringing Out Writer’s, Grades 3-6

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Mentor Texts

• Idea mentor texts
• Structure mentor texts
• Craft mentor texts

-Corbett Harrison
Picture Books….Looking for Mentor Texts

• Select a book from the basket at your table.
• Skim the book and decide how you think it could be a mentor text for a persuasive unit.
• Share ideas with your colleagues.
Sample Minilesson

“Banning Peanuts”
Mentor Text
Time for Kids Article, October 1998

- Have students cut out text for one of the sides presented in the article.
- Glue the text in their Writing Notebooks.
- Students can then mark up the text with comments about how it was persuasive.
Student Response: “Banning Peanuts”

• How is the student’s perspective different?

• Why show both texts to your students?
## Anchor Chart

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## What is a typical timeline for a Unit of Study?

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Considerations....

• Begin with the end in mind…how are students going to publish work in this unit of study?
• What will be the instructional focus of the minilessons?
• Which mentor text(s) will support this unit?
• How will we share and celebrate our work?
Resources

• Planning Template
• Persuasive Unit of Study “Road Map”
• Curriculum Map
• Mentor Texts (Less is More)
Accessing Unit of Study: Persuasive MAP in Rubicon

Follow Directions on the Pink Card in your basket.
Sharing

• [http://123.writeboard.com/da1b6fa49c3e16c82/login](http://123.writeboard.com/da1b6fa49c3e16c82/login)

• Password: convinceme
Questions?

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Where do I go for Picture Perfect Science?

- 4th Grade-Blue River Elementary Gym
- 5th Grade-Stays here in the BVMS commons.
- Your next session begins at 9:55. Enjoy!