



Writing Strategies for ELLs: Improving writing, content knowledge, reading and thinking for ELLs and ALL learners

Writing is Thinking (WIT) involves explicit instruction in expository writing skills to develop students' written and oral language, content knowledge and reading comprehension simultaneously. WIT is especially powerful for English learners because it also teaches how the English language works.

The Hudson Valley RBERN is offering the following WIT Workshops in Fall 2023:

WIT 101 - The Mighty Sentence

Please join us for this introductory workshop focused on the foundational, sentence-level strategies that form the heart of the WIT approach and that develop students' clear expression of complexity in all content areas. This is a hands-on experiential workshop. Teachers will leave with strategies for immediate use with students as well as an understanding of how such strategies will support your content, skill and assessment goals.

This workshop is designed for teachers of English learners in grades 3-12, including bilingual and co-teaching pairs.

Nov 14, 2023 from 9am – 3pm
Nov 21, 2023 from 9am – 3pm
Dec 5, 2023 from 9am – 3pm

Participants are expected to attend all three sessions.

WIT 102 – The Paragraph

Please join us for this intermediate workshop focused on note-taking and paragraph-level skills. Like with the sentence strategies, these skills advance all domains of academic literacy, and are thus extremely relevant for all subject area teachers, including those who will not be teaching paragraph writing per se. The workshop will make clear how the strategies can be used to support clear, rigorous academic thinking and expression and how they will serve your content-specific goals.

This workshop is designed for teachers of English learners in grades 3-12, including bilingual and co-teaching pairs.

Jan 11, 2024 from 9am – 3pm
Jan 18, 2024 from 9am – 3pm
Jan 31, 2024 from 9am – 3pm

Participants are expected to attend all three sessions.

WIT 101 is a pre-requisite.

WIT 103 – The Essay

Please join us for this advanced workshop in which you will deepen and refine skills learned in earlier workshops and learn how all the pieces fit together to support academic literacy for students across the grade levels and content areas through a comprehensive Writing is Thinking system. We pay special attention to developing participants' confidence and skill in teaching note-taking; and in applying skills from earlier workshops to teaching the full essay.

This workshop is designed for teachers of English learners in grades 3-12, including bilingual and co-teaching pairs. The note-taking in this workshop is highly relevant for all content areas. The essay skills however are most relevant to those who teach essay-level writing.

Feb 28, 2024 from 9am – 3pm
March 6, 2024 from 9am – 3pm
March 13, 2024 from 9am – 3pm

Participants are expected to attend all three sessions.

WIT 101 and WIT 102 are pre-requisites.



Workshops held at:

SWBOCES, 450 Mamaroneck Avenue
Harrison, NY 10528 [Click for directions](#)

For information about other WIT workshops, visit strategicinquiry.com