

Embrace the Past! Using Past Work to Practice New Skills

Date: December 19, 2023

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Location:

Monmouth Mall, Lower Level
180 Route 35 (Routes 35 & 36)
Eatontown, NJ 07724

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Time:

8:30 am Registration and Coffee
9:00 am - 1:00 pm Seminar presentation
(Lunch will not be provided)

Fee:

No charge for Collaborative Members
\$100 per person for Non-Collaborative Districts (non-refundable)

Audience: **Grades 6-12**

Seminar Description:

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We've all seen more than our fair share of student writing—the good, the bad, and the ugly. We've seen narratives with clever openings, math responses with clearly labeled diagrams, and opinion pieces with well-elaborated reasons. We've also seen research reports with plagiarized facts, short stories with misused quotation marks, and plenty of pieces where every sentence starts with I (bonus points if the I is actually capitalized!) Why not use some of these pieces—including the flawed ones—to improve students' writing skills? Past student writing samples are a high-impact resource that can be used to model well-executed strategies, help students identify and correct common errors, and build revising and editing skills.

Outcome Objectives: Participants will gain knowledge and skills in:

- Identifying writing samples that target key writing and thinking skills;
- Using collected student writing samples as an instructional tool to model new skills and to troubleshoot problem areas;
- Building a bank of student writing samples to share during instruction and developing a system for saving and labeling past papers for future use;
- Establishing student-maintained portfolios to store written work for future revision and practice.

P.D.U.: 4.0 hours