



Traits of Writing: The Complete Guide for Middle School

Presenter: Ruth Culham

About the Presenter:

RUTH CULHAM, Ed.D., is the president of the Culham Writing Company and former Unit Manager of the Assessment Program at Education Northwest in Portland, Oregon. She is the recognized expert in the traits of writing field and author of several professional resources published by Scholastic, including 6+1 Traits of Writing: The Complete Guide, Grades 3 and Up; 6+1 Traits of Writing: The Complete Guide for the Primary Grades; and Traits of Writing: The Complete Guide for Middle School, winner of the 2011 Teacher's Choice award. As a pioneering researcher in this field, Ruth creates and conducts teacher workshops to provide professional development at local, district, and state levels; at state and national conferences she's a featured speaker on teaching writing using the traits. Ruth was English Teacher of the Year in Montana, the highlight of her 19-year teaching career. She holds specialty degrees and certification in Library Science and Elementary, Middle, and Secondary English Education. She's the author of Traits Writing, a revolutionary writing program for grades K-8 available from Scholastic, summer 2011.



Description: This workshop will offer strategies for assessing and teaching writing in middle school. The traits have revolutionized the way writing is taught. And nobody knows the traits better than Ruth Culham, who has written over 25 books and conducted countless workshops for teachers of all grades. Now, Ruth turns her expert eye to middle school. *The Traits of Writing: The Complete Guide for Middle School* contains classroom-tested materials developed just for teachers of grades 6-8. Brand-new scoring guides, scored sample papers, Think Aouts, warm-up exercises, focus lessons, and activities for each trait, organized by that trait's key qualities, make it easy to assess writing and deliver targeted instruction. With CD of reproducible forms.

Date: April 18, 2012; 8:30 AM—3:00 PM;

Location: LaSure's Banquet Hall, 3125 S Washburn Street, Oshkosh

Audience: Grades 5-8 Educational Staff and Administrators

Cost: Includes continental breakfast, lunch, and materials. CESA 6 Title II-A ESEA School Districts \$145; All other school districts \$195 per person.

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