

WRITING WORKSHOPS FOR GRADE 9-12 STUDENTS:

† **WRITING WITH POWER!!**

Using a lively PowerPoint presentation, examples, exercises, and practice, this workshop results in students writing two paragraphs that jump off the page and a collectively written story that is worthy of publication.

Students learn:

- † How to warm up the writing centres in their brains;
- † How to identify power words;
- † How to create power triplets;
- † How to use power triplets;
- † How triplets lead to exciting paragraphs;
- † How to develop simple outlines for any length project;
- † How to communicate more powerfully than ever before.

Every participant will increase their creative confidence and improve their ability to write stories and reports that can earn "As" every time. (Suitable for Grades 5-12)

† **WRITING FOR SUCCESS: ESSAY PLANNING AND EDITING**

Using interactive techniques, examples, and experiential exercises, students learn:

- † How to brainstorm individually;
- † How to identify their essay's main theme;
- † How to choose and organize essential items for their stories and essays;
- † How to plan the allotted time;
- † How to self-edit.

The professional writing tips simplify the process of producing short and long impromptu essays that have a theme, well-chosen key items, and clarity. An editing checklist for students to follow completes the session.

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"...fun and imaginative."

"...I am more powerful and in control of my writing."

Middle schoolers, November 2005

"...she pumped new energy into writing."

"I might...be a writer!"

"It was hard, but good."

Boys only English class, SD 34, April 2005

"I would definitely come back for a second [workshop]."

Grade 6-8 students, February 2004

"I liked the fast pace and intensity."

"I would love to have more sessions like this."

SD 43 students, November 2001

...from inspiration to publication!!™



So far, Julie H Ferguson has changed the way over 2,000 teachers approach creative writing and the way hundreds of students actually write. Her mission: to improve the literacy statistics in Canada, one kid at a time.

A working writer for 35 years, Julie is the author of *Writing with Power: Proven Tools and Tips for Your Classroom* and seven other non-fiction books; her latest is *Sing a New Song* (Dundurn 2006). Her many articles have appeared in international, national, and regional publications, as well as on the Web.

Not only is Julie a successful author, she is also an accomplished speaker and trainer who earned her professional speaking designation in 2000. During the last nine years, many of western Canada's school districts have invited Julie back time and again to present at their professional development events and to lead lively, fun workshops for their gifted, regular, and special needs students. She also delights in inspiring Aboriginal students and boys-only English classes to improve their writing.

Julie presents at international writers' conferences, and teaches for the Creative Writing program at Vancouver Community College. Julie has also appeared on local and national radio. She was one of Vicki Gabereau's Five Guests of the Year.

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