



WRITING IN WIT & WISDOM®

Essential Question: What does it take for all students to become effective writers?

Goals: To understand how:

- *Wit & Wisdom's* integrated approach supports all students in becoming effective writers,
- building deep content knowledge is necessary for effective writing, and
- the Craft Stages and writing models provide scaffolds for writing instruction.

AGENDA | 6 HOURS

Single or Multiday Session

DESCRIPTION

I. Welcome

- Reflect on the purpose of writing.
- Reflect on students' needs in writing instruction.
- Learn the session goals, agenda, and norms.

II. Writing Instruction in Action

- Analyze texts through the Content Stages.
- Learn to write claims for arguments through the Craft Stages.

III. Content: The Role of Knowledge

- Examine the role of knowledge in the shared Content and Craft Stages experiences.
- Compare writing to learn and learning to write opportunities and analyze the instructional implications for each.

IV. Craft: Learning to Write

- Discover how the curriculum supports students in writing with a clear focus, purpose, and structure, which helps them effectively develop ideas.
- Examine the thinking and actions required at each Craft Stage through the lens of the shared writing experience.
- Analyze the craft instruction in a grade-level Craft Stage sequence.

V. Create: Putting It All Together

- Analyze student writing based on elements of effectiveness.

VI. Closing

- Reflect on the session's learning.
- Consider next steps.
- Provide feedback.