



## Writing Across the Curriculum: Meeting the Demands of Common Core



### Providing Support with Writer's Workshop and Content Writing

Education Resource Group is committed to responding to clients' needs. During the implementation of Common Core, our schools have consistently asked for support with writing instruction.

*The Common Core Standards "place a tremendous emphasis on writing." Writing is now "treated as an equal partner to reading, and more than this, writing is assumed to be the vehicle through which a great deal of the reading work and reading assessments will occur." — Lucy Calkins Pathways to the Common Core*

### Why Writer's Workshop?

- *Teaches students the process of writing.*
- *Enables teachers to plan instruction and teach responsively.*
- *Allows for teacher differentiation.*
- *Fosters independence in students.*
- *Keeps student motivation high.*
- *Encourages peer collaboration.*
- *Helps increase and improve student writing in content areas.*

*"Writing is not simply a way for students to demonstrate what they know. It is to help them understand what they know. At its best, writing is learning."*

*— National Commission on Writing for America's Families, Schools, and Colleges*

ERG's job embedded staff development service is designed to support teachers as they teach writing across the day and use it to assess learning across the curriculum.



### How it Works:

As with ERG's other job-embedded coaching processes, no substitutes are needed!

- Launching process to build teachers' background knowledge of Writer's Workshop or Content Writing.
- Grade level meetings to review the goals and observation inventory for the project.
- Model lessons for every teacher--with the teacher's own students in the teacher's own classroom.
- Teacher observations with face-to-face coaching sessions on the same day.

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ERG differentiates its staff development process by providing resources, mini staff development sessions, and additional model lessons as needed throughout the project.

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## Why is Content Writing Important?

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- *Teaches annotation for deeper comprehension.*
- *Allows for synthesis of information through graphic organizers/content mapping.*
- *Teaches students how to respond after interpretation of raw data and experiences.*
- *Enhances content learning through written reflections, critical writing, and reading response.*
- *Fosters crafting of written arguments to deepen understanding of issues.*
- *Encourages writing like a 'scientist' after experiments*