

Writing Assessments 101



What is Writing Assessments 101?

- A 4 day workshop series for groups of teachers
 - * **Elementary teachers (2nd, 3rd, 4th)**
 - * **Middle School teachers (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th)**
 - * **High School teachers (9th, 10th)**
- 3 days of classroom demonstrations illustrating best practices

Why have Writing Assessments 101?

- Mississippi has a new writing assessment for grades 4, 7, and 10
- Mississippi has a new Language Arts Frameworks
- Writing is now tested on the MCT2

Writing Assessments 101 prepares teachers to:

- Use the new Mississippi scoring rubrics
- Use assessment to drive writing instruction
- Connect writing instruction to the Language Arts framework and multiple choice testing
- Provide effective classroom strategies focused on the tested writing genres: *narrative*, *persuasive*, and *expository* for grades 4 and 7; and *expository*, *position papers*, and *response to literature* for grade 10



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