



Workshop Number 7

Maria Pace

Friday and Saturday

Language: English

Writing as a Tool for Deeper Comprehension: Helping Students Become Better Readers

Workshop Description

This 70-minute workshop is intended to help teachers explore innovative ways of engaging students so that they can interact better with any literary extract. It is only when students see a connection to their lives that they are ready to go the extra mile in order to understand more and get where the author wants the reader to be. Writing is here going to be used as a tool to help us learn to read in better ways and hence understand more. We can later use the extract as a launching pad for a variety of activities.

Bio-Note

Maria Pace is a highly experienced teacher who has taught a wide range of subjects to students of varying abilities at Primary, Secondary and Post-Secondary level. She is also a certified TEFL teacher with extensive practice. Ms Pace has attended courses in the Writing Process Methodology and under the auspices of the Foundation for Educational Services, she has taken an active part in the planning of Family Writing Club activities and their implementation with both children and their parents. Maria has led writing workshops for student teachers and teachers and in April 2005 she co-led the first Writing Institute run by Maltese tutors of the Malta Writing Programme. She has just participated in an Invitational Writing Workshop organised by South Coast Writing Project at the Gevirtz School of Education; University of California Santa Barbara. Convinced of the success of the Writing Process, she now conducts active class-based research in the area.