

May Newsletter

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Lofty Thoughts



A Spring Sonnet

Deborah E. Louis

Where is your faithful lover, Pretty Dove,
Who secretly awaits your sultry coo,
And lifts his crest and fills his eyes with love,
Thus blinding him to anyone but you?

Ah! Down he swoops to sing your favorite song,
A sensual caress along your neck
To reaffirm no one will do you wrong.
While he is there you need not tear nor fret.

How is it that you never tire of him,
And he would rather die than love anew?
What force in Nature delves beneath your skin
Insisting neither one is far from view?

The greatest lovers of our legends share
No greater love than this devoted pair.

This Month's Featured Literary Guide

The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet William Shakespeare

Romeo and Juliet is one of the most frequently anthologized Shakespearean plays in textbooks



across the country, most often taught at ninth grade.

Jane Schaffer developed this unit to offer teachers a curriculum guide that introduces students to Elizabethan theater and shows the students the value of studying Shakespeare in the 21st century.

You will notice that the sample timeline suggests a six-week unit. This is the format that we use, but we have taught the unit in a variety of other sequences and lengths.

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Jane Schaffer® Training

Interested in learning more about Jane Schaffer? In need of a refresher course? Take a look at our Training Opportunities with dates scheduled until May 2022!

UPCOMING DATES:

- June 7-10: [Opinion Writing](#)
- June 7-10: [Argumentation](#)
- June 12: [JSWP Orientation - Elementary Response to Literature](#)
- June 12: [JSWP Orientation - Analytical Response to Literature](#)
- June 21-25: [Train-the-Trainer Institute: Expository/Informational Writing K-5](#)
- June 21-25: [Train-the-Trainer Institute: Expository/Informational Writing 6-12](#)
- August 18: [Analytical Response to Literature](#)

Click Here for Additional Training Opportunities
2021-2022

Dr. Louis' Blog

Does Your Prompt Actually Prompt?



We have all heard students exclaim, “I don’t know how to start!” The Jane Schaffer Writing Program® (JSWP) was designed by Jane to remove that thought from their minds.

From the prompt to the final draft, JSWP teaches students the cognitive thinking process behind the execution of writing.

Let’s start with a prompt on *Hatchet*, a novel by Gary Paulsen.

We have found that students encounter difficulty in writing because they do not understand how to “decode” or “deconstruct” writing prompts. Once students understand our color-coding system, we teach them how to use it to comprehend what a prompt is asking . . . [Read more](#)

Ask Dr. Louis Here

Leadership Corner

Change Can Be Made
by David Dorn

Changing a professional practice is not an easy task. If one thinks about performing and perfecting a new physical exercise such as a golf swing or a dance routine, the aforementioned statement becomes a reality. The same

holds true for the adoption and implementation of a new instructional strategy, such as the Jane Schaffer Academic Writing Program®.

Change is a well-researched and documented phenomenon that impacts people from a personal perspective as well as behaviorally. In order for a professional practice to change, one needs to be 1) guided through the adaptation process, 2) provided with consistent assistance, 3) presented with specific performance feedback, 4) furnished with appropriate interventions if difficulty is occurring, and 5) supported with positive reinforcement to maintain a high level of motivation. For an individual and/or an organization to be successful in changing professional practices, the change process must be well-planned and executed with a high degree of intentionality.

Changing professional practices is not a simple task! But with a well- designed plan of support, change will occur with a high degree of success. At Louis Educational Concepts, we have the expertise to guide schools and individuals through a successful adoption of the Jane Schaffer Academic Writing Program®. Please contact us for further information to assist in the successful implementation of the JSWP process.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Testimonials

"What a great training and fantastic presenter! I loved the approach to the prompt the most!"

-Educator at Ysleta ISD, TX, who attended the STAAR® Expository & Persuasive Webinar Series

"[A key takeaway was that you need to] meet your students where they are. Don't have an unrealistic writing expectation of them."

-Educator at Kernville USD, CA

For questions about how The Jane Schaffer Academic Writing Program® can help you and your school, or for more information about our services, click below.

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