

Supercharge Your Students' Writing with Classroom-Proven Strategies and Ideas!

Gretchen's workshops in teaching writing will supercharge your students' minds with patterns and ideas that will transform their writing from lockstep, generic assignments to well-considered opinions offered in authentic, creative voices. Teachers will help students transform an outside prompt or an internal idea into powerful, vivid writing that reflects that they have digested the topic and found the hard-earned truth, the paradox or the human struggle within it.

Workshops:

Reviving the Essay – grades 4-12;

Why We Must Run with Scissors:

Voice Lessons in Persuasive Writing – grades 3-12

You'll find ways for exploring:

- How to become engaged with an assigned writing prompt
- How to dig beneath bland, superficial responses to help your students uncover their own deeper meanings
- How the organization of an essay can serve one's purpose and personal voice
- Who your essay is going to convince
- Knowing what needs to be heard; knowing what needs to be said
- How to shape your essays and your voice to engage and involve your audience

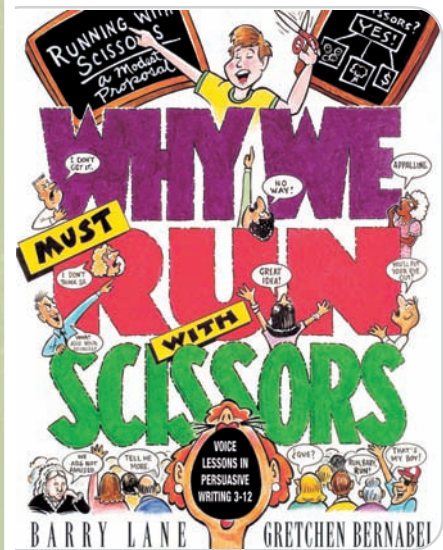
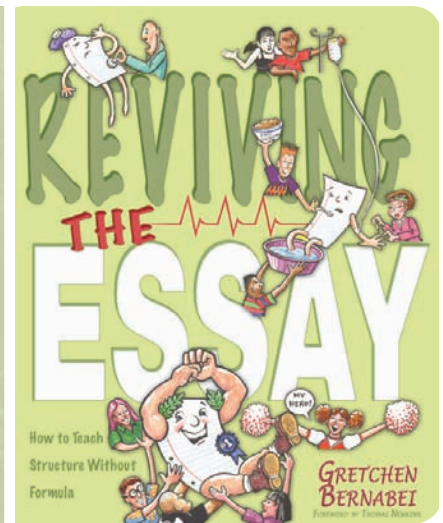
What Educators are saying about Gretchen Bernabei:

"Clearly a genius with voice, Gretchen was one of the "BEST THINGS we've ever done for teachers!" ~ Margaret Miller, Language Arts Consultant K- 12

"Gretchen came to MISD, and we fell head over heels in love with her. She is delightful. What a wealth of information and strategies. People hung around way after the session had ended and Gretchen continued to give more and more ideas. She is coming back in November. Why didn't I do this two years ago?" ~Dr. Elaine Weber, Director, Macomb, MI Regional Literacy Training Center

"One of our biggest challenges right now is to help teachers who want to reach kids but are overwhelmed with information... The book and ideas in the workshop present specific ideas that help them (and all the rest of us!) get started in a stronger direction. Ideas for addressing all six traits are particularly useful. Great! I love your humor!" ~ Susan Stitt, Administrator

Gretchen Bernabei has taught in San Antonio public schools for 20 years and has conducted writing workshops for enthusiastic teacher audiences nationwide for 18 years. She has written articles for both *English Journal* and *Voices from the Middle* and has had two books published by Discover Writing Press, *Why We Must Run with Scissors: Voice Lessons in Persuasive Writing* (co-authored with Barry Lane) and *Reviving the Essay: How to Teach Structure Without Formula*. For Hampton-Brown, she helped develop *The Writer's Kit* and recently published *Sparklers* under her own imprint. Gretchen has also produced a CD-R containing 266 visual prompts entitled *Lightning in a Bottle: Visual Prompts for Insights*. When she isn't on the road inspiring teachers, she lives with her family in San Antonio.



To schedule a workshop with Gretchen Bernabei, call Ann Dumaresq at Discover Writing Professional Development, 800-613-8055 ext. 3#.



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