

REALLY TEACHING STUDENTS HOW TO WRITE PERSUASIVELY

For grades 3-8

PRESENTED BY KAREN CAINE, AUTHOR OF *Writing to Persuade: Minilessons to Help Students Plan, Draft, Revise*



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In this workshop, Karen Caine will show us how to teach students to write persuasively with the same attention to language, imagery, and revision they use when writing in other genres. She will show us what minilessons and conferences are most effective. After thorough discussion of persuasive writing units of study, Karen will discuss how to help students compose stronger answers to persuasive and explanatory prompts on the NJ ASK.

Karen Caine is a Literacy Consultant who works with teachers and administrators around the country. Her work focuses on helping teachers understand and apply Reading and Writing Workshop in their classrooms and administrators to support and extend this work. Believing that teachers learn not only by hearing, but by seeing and doing, Karen's workshops often include demonstration lessons and guide participants through the conferring process. Karen specializes in "breaking things down" to provide teachers with practical information and techniques that can be applied in their classrooms.

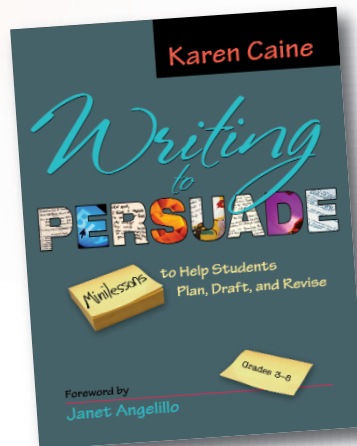
Karen was an award-winning classroom teacher in New York City for more than ten years before becoming a school-based staff developer. She later served as Director of Curriculum for a prestigious private school in Atlanta, supervising teachers and revamping existing curriculum and instructional practices.

Karen has taught at many reading and writing institutes including Summer Institutes at the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project.

Karen is the author of *Writing to Persuade: Minilessons to Help Students Plan, Draft, Revise, Grades 3-8*, published by Heinemann.

Specific Topics That Will Be Covered:

- Reading Persuasive Writing
- Minilessons to Help Students Find Topics and Develop Their Thoughts
- The Role of Research in Persuasive Writing
- Conferring
- Finding and Using Mentor Text to Lift the Quality of Student Writing
- Lessons on Revision
- Practical Ideas for Test Prep



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About the Presenter