

# Fishtank ELA Writing Intensive

## Summer 2023

### **Session 1: Setting a Vision for Writing Instruction**

Dive into the research and design behind Fishtank ELA writing and explore why Writing to Learn and Learning to Write are essential parts of the ELA curriculum.

### **Session 2: Intellectually Preparing and Structuring a Fishtank ELA Writing Lesson**

Learn the protocol for intellectually preparing a Fishtank ELA writing lesson and use the protocol on an actual lesson. Learn how to structure writing lessons to ensure student success by watching classroom footage of different writing strategies and applying them to a writing lesson.

### **Session 3: Sentence and Paragraph Writing**

Learn how to support students with developing sentence and paragraph writing skills within particular lessons and across units.

### **Session 4: Leveraging Target Task Writing**

Learn how to leverage daily Target Task writing to ensure that students are both learning to write and writing to learn.

### **Session 5: Giving Writing Feedback**

Learn how to determine what feedback to give students and strategies for ensuring feedback is actionable for students.



# 2023 Writing Intensive Schedules

## July 26–27, 2023

**DAY 1** 9:00-9:30am ET **Welcome**  
9:30-10:30am ET **Session 1**  
10:30-10:45am ET **Break**  
10:45-11:45am ET **Session 2**  
11:45-12:00pm ET **Break**  
12:00-1:00pm ET **Session 3**

**DAY 2** 9:00-10:00am ET **Session 4**  
10:00-10:15am ET **Break**  
10:15-11:15am ET **Session 5**  
11:15-11:30am ET **Closing**

## August 29–30, 2023

**DAY 1** 9:00-9:30am ET **Welcome**  
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10:30-10:45am ET **Break**  
10:45-11:45am ET **Session 2**  
11:45-12:00pm ET **Break**  
12:00-1:00pm ET **Session 3**

**DAY 2** 9:00-10:00am ET **Session 4**  
10:00-10:15am ET **Break**  
10:15-11:15am ET **Session 5**  
11:15-11:30am ET **Closing**

## Lead Facilitator



**Samantha Aponte**

Samantha is the Director of ELA Professional Learning and Curriculum. Samantha began her career in education through Teach For America Oklahoma, where she taught English Language Arts, and later became a school leader developing Middle School ELA curriculum. Most recently she was the Manager of Teacher Development at the Teaching and Leading Initiative of Oklahoma, where she coached K-12 teachers and facilitated professional learning for teachers and school leaders. She has a Bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and a Master's degree in Reading and Literacy curriculum from Oklahoma State University.