

**KENTUCKY WRITING  
PROJECT  
RURAL SCHOOLS PD  
INITIATIVE:  
OPINION AND ARGUMENT  
WRITING**

Sponsored  
by the  
Kentucky  
Department  
of  
Education

# BENEFITS – ELA, SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHERS RECEIVE

- Explicit instruction designed for teaching opinion/argument lessons around engaging topics/issues in K-12 classrooms in Fall 2015 (*video gaming, online privacy, school lunch rules, and more!*)
- Nationally tested lesson demonstrations and materials designed to lift the quality of student argument writing
- Three consecutive days of grant-funded PD in their school or district - late May through June 30, personalized to school needs and driven by analysis of student work

# **BENEFITS – TEACHERS RECEIVE**

- **Sessions by knowledgeable WP Teacher Consultants**
- **Support in creating Student Growth Goals to fulfill the requirements of PGES**
- **Follow-up support in the Fall for lead teachers, who will then share strategies and materials with their colleagues**

# ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- **Virtual follow-up support for interested teachers**
- **Free registration for the Kentucky Writing Project Fall Conference in Lexington, September 12, 2015**

In its recent study of writing in Kentucky (a review of nearly 185,000 students' writing scores, disaggregated by teacher) , the Education Professional Standards Board found that

**more effective teachers of writing were more likely to have participated in programs of the National Writing Project. NWP activities were highly rated by both the teacher respondents and the institutional respondents, and it seems clear that participation in these activities may be the single most attractive mechanism for improving the quality of writing instruction, both for teacher candidates and for teachers already in the classroom.**

*—Status of Writing Instruction In Kentucky Public Schools* by Terry Hibpshman and Kim Walters-Parker (EPSB, 2012)

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