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About the presenter:



KRISTINA SMEKENS is a highly sought after speaker and author who specializes in writing. A full-time literacy consultant, Kristina works with K-12 teachers throughout the Midwest sharing practical strategies for applying the 6 Traits of Writing, implementing the authentic writing process, and writing across the curriculum.

She is a certified 6 Traits trainer and author of several books, including *Launching the Writer's Workshop*, *The Trait Mate: 6-Traits Starter Lessons*, and the *Writing Parent Pack*. As president of Smekens Education Solutions, Inc., she leads a growing team of literacy consultants who provide training and support to K-12 teachers through on-site staff development and regional workshops. Her fast-paced, enthusiastic presentations have helped to motivate and improve teachers for the past 10 years.

What others are saying:

"If you're interested in not only learning, but absorbing the 6-Traits, in a dynamic and enthusiastic setting, this is the conference for you." D. Geise

"Kristina has incredible energy and enthusiasm! She got me excited about writing and equipped me with the tools I needed to utilize the 6-Traits the next day." Colin Chapin

"Wow! What a great, hands-on, useful day! I had so many of my questions answered! She brought all the 'book reading' about the writing traits come to life for me!" Jen Sass

"For someone who is learning about the 6 Traits these two days felt like the 'mother' of all writing workshops I've attended. They were rich with examples and teacher tools." S. Saucedo

"Kristina took what I knew about teaching writing and made it easy to practically apply the skills into my classroom immediately. Teaching writing and creating successful writers now seems attainable!" J. Landrigan

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

6-TRAITS OF WRITING — AN INTRODUCTION

Early Bird Registration: \$175 – Standard Registration: \$190

- SEPT. 15, 2010 (Terre Haute, IN; Holiday Inn)
- SEPT. 21, 2010 (Fort Wayne, IN; Don Hall's Guesthouse)
- OCT. 6, 2010 (Indianapolis, IN; Fishers Conference Center, Fishers)
- OCT. 18, 2010 (Chicago, IL; Holiday Inn, Countryside/LaGrange)

I KNOW THE 6-TRAITS — NOW WHAT?

Early Bird Registration: \$175 – Standard Registration: \$190

- SEPT. 16, 2010 (Terre Haute, IN; Holiday Inn)
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- OCT. 7, 2010 (Indianapolis, IN; Fishers Conference Center, Fishers)
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Name: _____

Home address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home phone: _____

School name: _____

School address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

School phone: _____

Title: _____ Grade level: _____

Primary e-mail: _____

Where would you like your confirmation sent?

- Home
- School

6-TRAITS COACH'S CLINIC

Early Bird Registration: \$219 – Standard Registration: \$234

- OCT. 8, 2010 (Indianapolis, IN; Fishers Conference Center, Fishers)
- OCT. 20, 2010 (Chicago, IL; Holiday Inn, Countryside/LaGrange)

EARLY BIRD RATES:

Participants may take advantage of the "Early Bird" rate if registrations are received at Smekens Education at least 15 days prior to the workshop. Registrations received after this date will be charged the rate for "Standard Registration."

FOUR WAYS TO REGISTER:

ONLINE -- www.SmekensEducation.com

Use your credit card to register online

PHONE -- 888-376-0448

Call our office between 8a.m-4p.m. to register with a credit card

FAX -- 888-376-0489

Fax completed registration forms with a school purchase order

MAIL

Send the completed registration form with payment by mail to:
Smekens Education Solutions, Inc.
P.O. Box 332 • Warren, IN 46792

TOTAL PAYMENT DUE: _____

All registration forms must be accompanied by a check or other payment information.

Check made payable to Smekens Education Solutions, Inc.

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CANCELLATIONS/SUBSTITUTIONS: Cancellations are permitted up to 10 days prior to the selected workshop. A refund, minus a \$50 service fee, will be made for cancellations made prior to the 10-day window. Substitutions can be made at any time.

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Graduate credit & CPDUs:

- 1 Credit available from Purdue University-Calumet (*Tuition extra*)
- Participants from Illinois can earn 6 CPDUs for attending this workshop.

Who should attend?

- K-6 Classroom Teachers
- 6-12 Language Arts Teachers
- Literacy Coaches
- Literacy Coordinators
- Title I Teachers / Directors
- K-12 Gifted & Talented Teachers
- K-12 Principals & Assistant Principals

6-Traits of Writing DAY ONE

— An introduction

Workshop Overview

This dynamic one-day workshop provides K-8 teachers with the knowledge and tools they need to start teaching the 6 Traits of Writing right away. Whether you need to learn a lot about the 6 Traits in a hurry, or want a “refresher” course to get you back on track, this introductory workshop provides teachers with the confidence and resources to begin implementing this powerful writing model.

Training topics:

- Answers to the questions “What are the 6 Traits?” and “Where did they come from?”
- How the 6 Traits unify your instruction of academic writing standards and the expectations of the state writing prompt
- Ways to introduce the trait language to students of all ages
- Numerous trait-based writing mini-lessons modeled LIVE, right in front of you, that target common writing weaknesses
- Strategies that motivate students to WANT to write.

When you leave, you will be able to:

- ✓ Initiate a focused and effective 6-Traits introduction with your students that goes beyond just naming the six words
- ✓ Better articulate to your students what “good writing” looks and sounds like
- ✓ Deliver more dynamic and effective mini-lessons that teach students HOW to write, and not just WHAT to write
- ✓ Improve the effectiveness of peer revision and self-editing
- ✓ Organize your writing resources for effective teaching

I Know the 6-Traits DAY TWO

— Now What?

Workshop Overview:

If you’ve heard Kristina’s 6-Traits Introduction, then you’re ready to take it to the next level. This workshop addresses how to take the 6 Traits from six words floating around the classroom to full-blown immersion and implementation all year long. Kristina will offer you ways to organize, manage, and implement the traits to heighten the effectiveness of your trait teaching.

Training topics:

- How to put the 6 Traits at the center of all three phases of your writer’s workshop— within the mini-lesson, the independent writing time, and the group share
- Strategies for assessing student writing, including when to score for particular traits and when to assess all of them
- Dissecting a mentor text for the 6 Traits and grade-level writing skills
- Threading the 6 Traits through all themes, units, and writing genres all year long

When you leave, you will be able to:

- ✓ Utilize the 6-Traits to drive your writer’s workshop mini-lessons
- ✓ Improve the effectiveness of writer conferences and student revision
- ✓ Dissect any type of literature for the 6 Traits and key writing skills
- ✓ Plan writing units that embed the traits within various writing genres
- ✓ Introduce and utilize kid-generated rubrics to assess student writing
- ✓ Convert a set of rubric scores to grades

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Questions? Call Smekens Education Solutions, Inc. @ 1-888-376-0448

6-Traits Coach's Clinic



Workshop Overview:

This is the ideal workshop for those who are charged with the task of providing 6-Traits training and on-going support for in-district teachers. Participants will not just receive valuable information; they will also have time to apply it to their own unique school situations. This workshop utilizes a hands-on, interactive clinic approach.

Pre-Requisite:

Participants must have previously attended the one-day workshops entitled "6-Traits of Writing – An Introduction" and "I Know the 6-Traits – Now What?" led by Kristina Smekens.

Training topics:

- To be a 6-Traits expert in the building/district, you have to know your content. Participants will assess their level of knowledge on the 6 Traits to ensure it is deep enough.
- Beyond knowing the content, a literacy coach has to understand the coaching process. Kristina will reveal methods for participants to guide teachers toward 6-Trait implementation and independence when teaching writing.
- Writing coaches face common issues as they work with a range of willing and not so willing teachers. Workshop time will be spent developing responses to tough teacher questions.
- Learn tips & tricks for demonstrating strong mini-lessons via classroom modeling. This will include how to set-up modeling opportunities, how to execute the model in the classroom, and how to debrief afterwards with the teachers who observed..
- Having resources at your fingertips is essential. Identify systems of organization to make yourself a more effective and efficient coach for your teachers.

When you leave, you will be able to:

- ✓ Design on-going trainings for your teachers that ultimately lead them to consistent 6-Traits implementation
- ✓ Develop a new teacher orientation of the 6-Trait essentials that new teachers need to know at the beginning of every school year
- ✓ Answer the "hard questions" teachers ask about fitting writing in, organizing their writing curriculum, working with reluctant writers, differentiating writing for students, connecting reading and writing, and much more
- ✓ Organize your training materials to help support teachers from all grade-levels
- ✓ Model mini-lessons in the classroom as a means of training teachers in teaching writing
- ✓ Direct your teachers to fabulous web sites and resources to support their 6-Trait teaching

— Lunch is provided for participants who attend the 6-Traits Coach's Clinic —

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- Participants from Illinois can earn 7 CPDUs for attending this workshop.

Who should attend:

- Writing coaches
- Literacy coordinators
- Teacher leaders
- Curriculum coordinators
- Anyone who conducts in-district trainings

What comes with every Smekens workshop?

High-energy instruction. Kristina's enthusiastic presentations bring classroom-tested strategies to life for teachers.

Valuable resources. Each participant receives a full color packet of materials with ready-to-use strategies.

On-site bookstore. A large selection of professional books, picture books, and other resources are always available for purchase on-site from The Literacy Store.

Recognition. Each attendee receives a certificate of participation which acknowledges time spent in literacy training.

Workshop itinerary

7:30--8:30 a.m.	Registration & breakfast snack
8:30--10:00 a.m.	Workshop begins
10:00--10:15 a.m.	Morning break & book shopping
10:15--11:45 a.m.	Workshop continues
11:45 a.m.--1:00 p.m.	Enjoy lunch on your own
1:00--2:00 p.m.	Workshop continues
2:00--2:15 p.m.	Afternoon break & book shopping
2:15--3:30 p.m.	Workshop continues
3:30 p.m.	Conclusion