

Strengthen Your Students' Revision and Editing Skills to Increase the Quality of Their Writing (Grades 6-12)



A Unique One-Day Live Online Seminar Presented by

Mary Ellen Ledbetter

Outstanding Writing Teacher, National Presenter and Author

Specifically Designed for English/Language Arts Teachers
Serving Grades 6-12

Step-by-step, practical revision and editing strategies to reduce your work load whether teaching in-person or online

Give your students the tools they need to make revision and editing a part of the writing process, rather than a last-minute scan of their papers

Learn revision strategies that **ensure students address prompts, plan and incorporate sufficient elaboration** – all with “quick-check” assessments you can easily use

Make proofreading meaningful by approaching grammar in a structured way that covers all skills – from run-ons and fragments to pronoun usage, using **engaging activities online or in the classroom**

Live Online Seminars

December 2

9 AM Eastern, 8 AM Central,
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December 3

9 AM Central, 10 AM Eastern,
8 AM Mountain, 7 AM Pacific

December 4

9 AM Pacific, 12 PM Eastern,
11 AM Central, 10 AM Mountain

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CEUs and Graduate Credit Available
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Ten Key Benefits of Attending

'Mary Ellen is an extremely entertaining and knowledgeable presenter. Outstanding materials and lessons that can be used and adapted for all students. Awesome!'

– KIM NALON, TEACHER



Who Should Attend

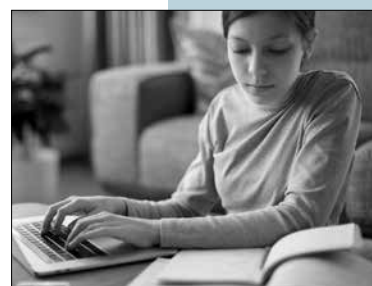
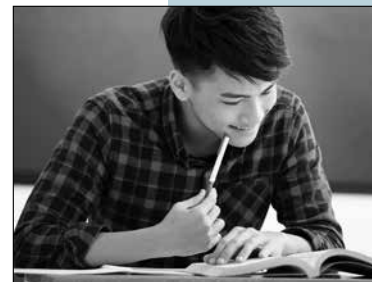
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- 1. Practical Strategies to Increase Your Students' Writing Revision Skills**
Discover highly effective strategies to help students 're-see' their writing and make needed changes ... Provide students the opportunity to practice each tier of the scaffolding process, whether you're working in-person or online
- 2. How to Revise Sentences, Phrases and Word Choice**
Discover rubrics that promote strong verbs and effective adjectives, and delete slang or clichés, repeated words, choppy sentences, and other distractions
- 3. Options Students Can Use to Vary Sentence Structure, Length and Rhythm**
Provide your students with the tools they need to change sentence structure for improved meaning and impact ... Practical lessons that engage students
- 4. Effective Ways to Teach Students How to Include Elaboration and Supporting Details**
Many students lack the skills to incorporate various kinds of elaboration and details ... Obtain a toolbox of methods students can use – in-person or online – to strengthen their writing and develop well-rounded, sophisticated papers
- 5. Concrete Strategies to Conquer the Abstract Concept of Voice**
Give your students specific strategies to help them develop their own voice in writing to ensure their papers have authentic emotions, a clear and confident style and the appropriate tone ... New strategies for increasing voice that include numerous examples you can immediately use with your students in-person or online
- 6. Specific Steps Students Can Use for Planning Their Papers**
Research has shown that students who plan their essays receive better grades ... Learn easy-to-teach-and-use techniques that will give your students a better start for a well-organized, exemplary paper
- 7. Give Students the Practice They Need in Proofreading**
Take editing a step further with practice in proofing using Mary's review of mechanical/grammatical errors for small groups or with partners ... Students will easily learn how to look for errors ranging from subject/verb agreement to verb tense consistency and more!
- 8. Discover New Revision Strategies for Expository, Persuasive and Argumentative Writing**
Teach your students the qualities of each mode and how to practice revising essays before students move on to writing their own ... Receive sample papers you can use with your students
- 9. Learn High-Yield Peer Response Strategies**
Learn how to set up and implement peer response opportunities where students learn how to give and receive meaningful feedback in the classroom or online environment
- 10. Increase Student Involvement in Revising Their Writing**
Practical and motivating ideas for getting students more involved with their writing ... Discover a variety of strategies that will take the focus off the teacher and place it onto students, whether you are working in-person or online

Outstanding Strategies You Can Use Immediately

What You Will Learn ...

- Step-by-step guide to **teach practical revision skills that will greatly increase the quality of students' writing** and reduce your work load whether you are teaching in your classroom or online
- Discover **revision skills that have the greatest impact on writing** and how you can incorporate them into your instruction
- **Classroom-tested, research-based processes** to help students understand what real revision can do to improve their writing
- Strategies to **enhance your writing instruction and see major gains in students' work**
- Learn the specific **revision skills students need to know** in order to write stronger short pieces, as well as more in-depth essays
- Discover how to **teach revision and editing as a part of writing rather than the dreaded afterthought** that students give little time, if any, to doing
- **Simple strategies to encourage word choice** that is specific rather than general
- **Increase students' skills in using correct grammar** by incorporating engaging activities that simplify the many rules involved
- **Use literature** to show, rather than tell students what good writing looks and sounds like
- **Interactive and collaborative strategies** to increase on-task writing during class, whether in-person or online
- **Use prompts and activities** to motivate students to write and keep them engaged
- **New, classroom-proven revision rubrics** for work-in-progress writing
- How to **keep students on the right track and overcome writing hurdles**



"I can't wait to save time on grading by using these strategies!"

– ALYSSA HECKE, ENGLISH TEACHER

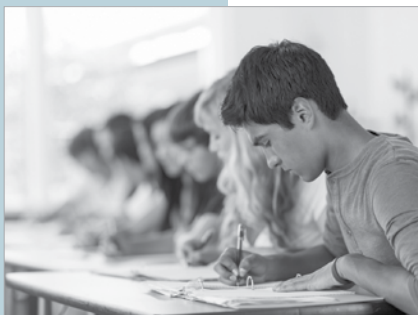
Practical Ideas and Strategies

All too often, students turn in writing that is not up to what we know they are capable of doing. Many students are not used to doing any real revision, let alone the deep revision that most writing needs. The reason for the omission of this critical step in the writing process is that students don't always understand exactly what is expected, and it seems like more hard work! Perhaps the most difficult part of this stage in the writing process is realizing that revision is not the same as editing or proofreading. Real revision often involves deleting whole paragraphs, sentences and restructuring for clarity – a foreign process for students who are reticent to change even one word once it's written on the page. Join popular national writing expert, **Mary Ellen Ledbetter**, for a seminar devoted just to this topic. She will share specific steps for teaching students revision skills, along with editing and proofreading strategies that students can learn to apply to their own writing, as well as to their peers' papers, whether they are learning in a classroom or online.

You will leave with strategies to teach your students to “re-see” their writing and turn in much stronger papers that are focused, provide supporting details and elaboration, have increased voice, include greater sentence fluency, and word choice that provides clearer meaning. Mary will give you rubrics, skill sheets, frameworks, and samples you will be able to use immediately with your grades 6-12 students!



A Message From Seminar Leader, Mary Ellen Ledbetter



Uniquely Qualified Instructor

MARY ELLEN LEDBETTER

is an outstanding English/language arts teacher and national presenter. She is well known for her fast-paced and motivating seminars filled with practical and ready-to-use strategies for grades 6-12. She is the author of many books including *Writing Research Projects Activities Kits*, *Writing Portfolios Kit* and *Ready-to-Use Daily Language Skills*, along with the extensive digital resource handbook you will receive, *Strengthen Your Students' Revision and Editing Skills to Increase the Quality of Their Writing (Grades 6-12)*. Mary will provide you with many new, practical, classroom-proven strategies that will increase your students' writing skills and strengthen your English/Language Arts program. All of her ideas and techniques can easily be implemented in your in-person or virtual classes immediately.

Dear Colleague:

In my experience, the words *revising*, *editing* and *proofreading* have become synonymous terms for our students. For those who even attempt to tackle one of the steps assigned by their teacher, the exercise becomes nothing more than checking for spelling—and if we're lucky—for glaring run-on and fragment errors as well. The good news is that it's not because young writers refuse to go through the processes; rather it is because they don't understand what is involved in each stage.

This seminar will not only more clearly define the terminology but also provide teachers with strategies that give students the opportunity to practice each tier of the scaffolding process inherent in producing exemplary papers. Once young writers experiment with these techniques, using specially designed activities to engage them in the many methods of revision, they can then apply them to their own writing.

Revision, as we know being the most difficult, is an undertaking your students would rather skip entirely since it could involve a total restructuring of their papers. Dozens of writing samples provide the practice students need in order to synthesize and apply the methods to their own works in progress. The editing and proofreading sections include easy-to-implement lessons for every area of grammar/mechanics so that students have a quick, outlined reference at every stage. This section of the digital resource handbook comprises an entire grammar unit, complete with a comprehensive review. The handbook also includes essays with questions specifically designed to develop student skills in each area that are essential in transforming their formative rough drafts into the final stages ready for summative evaluation. You will leave armed with specific techniques, student-friendly, fun-to-use practice assignments and examples of the effects these processes can have on producing quality papers. I look forward to seeing you and sharing ideas at this strategy-packed writing seminar!

Sincerely,

Mary Ellen Ledbetter

P.S. I promise you will leave with **practical strategies you can use immediately to help your students greatly increase their revision skills**, leading to stronger, well-written papers!

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What Your Colleagues Say About Mary Ellen Ledbetter

*"Mary Ellen gave **specific and practical ways to take writing to the next level**. Each of these exercises are practical, student-friendly and adaptable for any grade level or ability level."*

Megan French, Language Arts Teacher

*"Mary Ledbetter is clearly a **highly knowledgeable and deeply experienced** teacher. The entirety of the seminar was expertly and memorably delivered."*

Charles Bey, Social Studies Teacher

*"Fabulous seminar! **Tons of practical, easy ideas** that can be incorporated into instruction immediately."*

Kristeen Mickey, Special Education Teacher

*"Mary Ledbetter's seminar was **absolutely inspiring** for me as a teacher. Thank you for your enthusiasm and teaching from the heart!"*

Shelly Chabak, Language Arts Teacher



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Special Benefits of Attending



'This seminar has given me a new perspective. I now have new tools for teaching writing.'

CHRIS CODY,
6TH GRADE TEACHER

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- New planning strategies to guide student writing to a successful final product
- Engaging practice assignments for revision, editing and proofreading whether you are working at school or online
- Student-interactive rubrics for self-evaluation
- Sample essays that can serve as models, including questions for class discussion
- Simplified approach to all aspects of grammar
- Peer response techniques for each stage of the process

Consultation Available

Mary Ellen Ledbetter will be available at the seminar for consultation regarding your questions and the unique needs of your own English/Language Arts program.

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Participants of both the Live Online Seminar and those completing the Recorded Version online can receive a certificate of participation that may be used to verify five continuing education hours. In addition, state CEUs are available for both versions of the course. For details, visit www.ber.org/ceus

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Related On Demand Video-Based Online Learning courses, *Strategies! Strategies! Strategies! Significantly Increase Students' Writing Skills*, for Grades 6-12, *Strengthening Your Students' Writing Skills by Teaching Smarter, Not Harder*, for Grades 6-12, and other writing-related course, are available for immediate registration. To enroll, visit www.ber.org/online

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1. **December 2, 2020** (Start time: 9 AM Eastern)
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