

Kristin Walrod



Mission Statement:

I strive to meet each student where they are, and to find the kernel of inspiration and passion which motivates them to express themselves in writing. I push my students to improve through extensive feedback and by encouraging them to be proud of their work.

Grades Served:

3 - 12

Lives In:

Hood River, OR

Homestay:

Not required

Kristin encourages students to find their own unique voice and story. Her teaching style resonates with students in the full range of interest levels from reluctant writers to Talented and Gifted students.

Creative and narrative writing is such a wonderful way for kids to express themselves, to process their lives, and to use their imaginations. Kristin incorporates writing concepts such as interesting word choice, sentence fluency, organized ideas, engaging content, and original voice into all the projects. Each residency would be tailored to meet the teacher's goals and the needs of the individual classrooms and age groups.

Where I'm From

This is an exploration in writing the unique life details and family histories that each student brings to class. This residency will expose teachers and students to a variety of creative writing prompts and a range of readings by talented multi-cultural authors. This project culminates in a collection of poetry.

This I Believe

Students write personal essays focused on bringing out what really matters to them. During this residency students read, analyze and write their own personal essays based on the National Public Radio "This I Believe" project. The results are stunning. From confusion over social issues and family crises to coming to terms with the deaths of loved ones to determination to reach their potential to pure playfulness—these essays are completely unique and entirely inspiring.

Facility & Supplies

A self-contained classroom is preferred. Students need a pencil, paper and a folder for their writing portfolio. Teachers are encouraged to take the writing workshop alongside the students.

About the Artist...

Kristin Walrod has been a writer in residence through the Gorge Writing Project for the past four years working in Discovery High School in The Dalles, Columbia High School in White Salmon, and with eighth graders at Wy'East Middle School. The author of several short stories, Walrod received her MFA in Creative Writing from Antioch University in 2001. She has written for the Columbia Gorge Magazine and currently writes a blog for her family farm.

