

Writing the STAAR Essays

Hands on writing with Alice Nine

AGENDA 2018-2019

8:00 - 8:15 WELCOME

- Introductions and business of the day
- Synopsis of online portion*

8:15 - 11:30 MORNING SESSION

- Scoring - holistic vs. analytical
- Design of STAAR prompts
- Form of expository essay
- Writing reservoirs and daily practice
- Getting inside the prompt and avoiding distractions
- Responding to prompt with clear central idea

11:30 AM - 12:30 LUNCH

12:30 - 2:45 AFTERNOON SESSION

- Planning the essay body with X-Builder
- Drafting the essay
- Revising the essay
- Recasting the "central idea" sentence

2:45 - 3:00 WRAP-UP

*Attached: Outline of online portion of PD

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Control at the word and sentence level is necessary for control at the paragraph and essay level.