

Writing the STAAR Essays

Hands on writing with Alice Nine

AGENDA

Wednesday, January 17, 2018
Radisson Airport Hotel, El Paso, TX

8:00 - 8:30 WELCOME

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

8:30 - 11:30 MORNING SESSION

- Scoring - holistic vs. analytical
- Nature of STAAR prompts
- Form of expository essay
- Writing reservoirs
- Prewriting
 - Identify general topic
 - Narrow topic
 - Compose a working "central idea" sentence

11:30 AM - 12:30 LUNCH

12:30 - 3:15 AFTERNOON SESSION

- Prewriting continued
 - X-Builder for Body
- Revise "central idea" sentence six ways
- Conclusions: Recast thesis and reflect
- "Be sure to ..." connects to rubric

3:15 - 3:30 WRAP-UP

*Attached: Outline of online portion of PD

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



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