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THE BEST WORKSHOP OVERALL
THAT I'VE EVER ATTENDED
IN 24 YEARS OF
PROFESSIONAL WORK."

— ArtsLiteracy workshop participant

The ArtsLiteracy Project, based in the Education Department at Brown University, began in 1997 based on the premise that partnerships between practicing teachers and professional artists create powerful literacy learning opportunities for students.

The ArtsLiteracy Project's mission is to **1)** create a national community of ArtsLiteracy educators consisting of youth, college students, teachers, artists, and administrators who understand how to support student literacy development through performance and interaction with text; **2)** disseminate and teach our model of literacy development in artist-teacher partnerships in schools, workshops, academic courses, and other programs; and **3)** explore and create innovative approaches to arts and literacy education.



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Spring WEEKEND WORKSHOP

“Why do I have to read this?”
A New Approach to Teaching Text



WHAT “Why do I have to read this?”:
A New Approach to Teaching Text

WHO Hosted by The ArtsLiteracy Project
at Brown University

WHERE Brown University, Providence, RI

WHEN March 12-13, 2003

COST \$400 registration fee*

* no cost for Central Falls teachers and administrators
(paid for by grants from the U.S. Department of Education)

**10 hours of professional development credit are available
for Rhode Island teachers.**

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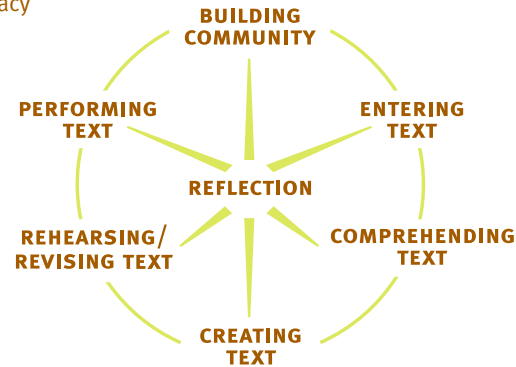
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“Why do I have to read this?”: A New Approach to Teaching Text

Participants in the ArtsLiteracy Project’s Weekend Workshop will experience a range of new reading, writing, and performance activities representing each stage of the Performance Cycle, the ArtsLiteracy Project’s instructional framework.

The Performance Cycle provides a structure for teaching challenging texts in elementary and secondary school classrooms using performance in rigorous and creative ways. The Cycle guides all literacy curriculum work for the ArtsLiteracy Project’s professional development, school-year partnerships and summer programs.

“Why do I have to read this?”: A New Approach to Teaching Text will challenge participants to define “deep comprehension” and to actively consider how to represent comprehension through high-quality arts performances in elementary, middle, and high schools.



Schedule of Events

Friday, March 12, 2004

4:00 – 6:30

Session 1: Building Community and Entering Text

6:30 – 8:00

Dinner and Youth Leaders Performance

Saturday, March 13, 2004

8:30 – 9:00

Breakfast

9:00 – 11:30

Session 2: Comprehending Text

11:30 – 12:00

Lunch

12:00 – 12:30

Session 3: Reflection

12:30 – 2:30

Session 4: Creating Text

2:30 – 3:00

Session 5: Reflection

3:00 – 5:00

Session 6: Rehearsing/Revising Text, Performing Text, and Reflection

All meals are included in the cost of registration.

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Registration Information

The deadline for registration is Friday, February 27, 2004.

Pre-registration is required.

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Please make checks payable to the ArtsLiteracy Project.

Participants that are not from the Providence area will
receive workshop directions, accommodation listings, and
information on enjoying the city and the Brown campus.

Registration Form

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Name

Home Address

City State Zip

Home Phone E-mail

School / Organization Name

Address

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I am a(n):

___ Classroom Teacher _____ (specify discipline/grade)

___ Staff / Educator with arts ed organization

___ Artist Educator _____ (specify discipline)

___ Other _____ (please specify)

