



Moving Words Writing Clinics 2016

Grades 9-12 in Fall 2016, Cost: \$950

High School 1: June 27, 28, 29, and July 1 9am – 3pm

(Note: no class on June 30)

High School 2: July 11, 12, 13, and 15 9am – 3pm

(Note: no class on July 14)

Grades 6-8 in Fall 2016, Cost: \$750

Middle School: July 6, 7, and 8 9am – 3pm

Location: 1616 Madrona Drive, Seattle, WA 98122
(Bring laptop and sack lunch. Snacks provided.)

Think good writing means more adjectives, adverbs and multi-syllable words? *Not so!*

Learn what is good writing. Learn a writing process that embraces your opinions, your vocabulary, your mistakes and your personal experience. Learn how honest, meaningful writing unleashes your best work.

This is a fun, yet intensive, writing clinic that builds on each writer's unique style and teaches students to write personal essays.

The focus of the clinic is to:

- Encourage the writer's authentic voice
- Play with several brainstorming techniques to discover passionate writing topics
- Practice rewriting and editing to polish ideas into clarity
- Share and acknowledge writing

Students work in groups and one-to-one with writing professionals who support each student's strengths and learning style. All activities are designed to create a climate of trust, focus, motivation and joy, so students leave knowing more about themselves as writers, speakers and thinkers.

All writing will be done in class, unless students desire to write further at home.

Head Instructor Sara Yamasaki is a writer, multi-sensory learning specialist, and certified teacher with a master's degree in teaching writing. She lectures, teaches teachers and works privately with writers of all ages and abilities. She believes everyone has an authentic voice, everyone has genius, and everyone can write.

Writing Instructor Peggy Sturdivant writes a weekly column and works with students ages 5-95. She facilitates workshops and curates a reading series. She believes writing reveals life-changing moments that we might not otherwise recognize.

Writing Instructor Linda Dodge is a freelance writer and writing consultant who helps writers of all ages and all types of writing. She specialized in writing personal essays. She believes original ideas and personal experience bring out the voice and writer in all of us.

Writing Instructor Corbin Lewars is a writing instructor and consultant, author and developmental editor with a Master's in Education. She believes people have important stories to tell and that she is a very lucky person to be on the receiving end of these gifts.

For more information about Moving Words Writing Clinics, contact Sara Yamasaki at (206) 325-3541 or email: sarayamasaki@comcast.net, and visit www.movingwordsclinic.com

Comments from previous Moving Words Writing Clinics:



"I didn't realize I was doing all this writing because I was having so much fun!" Student

"My son fought with us about taking this class, but once he was there he became a completely new person. Now he can finally express himself without self-consciousness and the more he does this, the more ideas come to him and he writes and writes. Last summer his grade point was 1.9 and he needed to repeat English. Now he is a 4.0 student, he loves school and his favorite class is English! It's a joy to see him."
Parent



"Since this clinic has started, I've loved being here. I have finally found my voice. I have learned more in this writing clinic than I have ever learned in any English class I've ever been in at school." Student



"I have never been drawn in so emotionally by a group of writers. This clinic really pulled out each writer's individuality. Whatever you do, it really works." Parent

"There was an unbelievable environment in the writing clinic. Every time I read a comment on my paper or sat down to talk with Sara, I knew she genuinely valued everything I produced. This writing clinic was not something I did for two weeks and then forgot. The things I learned can be found in every piece of writing I produce. I am more confident and proud of my work." Student

"My daughter used to hate to write. She thought she was only good at math and she never shared her thoughts with us. Now the gate is open. What used to be stuck in her head pours out verbally and on paper, and I can feel the joy in her expression!" Parent

"Right away I could see that the teachers loved their work and are good at doing it. I also could see kids who did not want to come here in the beginning, very quickly did not want to leave. Like me. The writing clinic helped me express my ideas on paper better than I have ever done before." Student





2016 Moving Words Writing Clinic Registration Form

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Fall 2016 School: _____ Grade: _____

Able to bring a laptop? Yes No

Able to type? Yes No

Check the clinic session the student would like to attend. (Indicate if available for either HS session.)

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- Middle School: July 6, 7, and 8. 9am – 3pm. Cost \$750

How did you hear about the clinics? _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Best phone contact number: _____

Parent/Guardian E-Mail: _____

Allergies, Special Needs or Other Concerns: _____

Family Physician: _____ Phone: _____

If I cannot be reached, I hereby authorize the Moving Words staff to seek medical attention in case of emergency. I hereby waive and release Moving Words and those involved from any and all liability for illness or injuries incurred while taking the clinic.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Tuition (HS \$950; MS \$750) Enclosed amount: _____ Please make checks payable to: **Moving Words**
(NOTE: Because of the individualized preparation involved, there will be a \$200 fee for cancellations. No refunds after May 1, 2016.)

Mail completed registration form(s) with check to: **Sara Yamasaki**
1616 Madrona Drive
Seattle, WA 98122

You will be notified by phone or email of acceptance into the clinic. Space is limited to 12 students per session.

Questions? Please call Sara Yamasaki at (206) 325-3541 or e-mail sarayamasaki@comcast.net