

Writing Resources for Upper Elementary and Middle Schools



For Students:

[Young Willamette Writers](http://www.willamettewriters.com/YWW/yww.htm)

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Monthly meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at the Old Church at SW 11th and Clay from 7-8 p.m.

Who: Students from 5th through 10th grades who love to write. Our meetings are divided between mini-workshops led by the co-chairs of the group, and special presentations by writers, editors, publishers and other writing professionals. Students usually get a chance to read their work at the end of meetings. YWWs meet in the Victorian parlor off to the side of the reception room. Parents are welcome to stay with their students or to attend the main WW meeting at no charge.

Teachers and Parents:

“The Willamette Writer”

Willamette Writers is the largest writers' organization in Oregon and one of the largest writers' organizations in the United States. Dues are \$36 a year. <http://www.willamettewriters.com/1/paeth.php>. Meetings are free to members and students; guests of members pay \$5, non-members \$10. Parents are welcome to attend the adult session at the same time, free if they accompany a student.

Writer's Digest www.writersdigest.com is a great resource for writers, young and older.

Are you considering publishing student work?

Inkwater Press www.inkwaterpress.com publishes local writers, including classrooms and students. Inkwater is the publishing division of First Books. Jeremy Solomon is founder and president of First Books and Inkwater Press. A former literary agent, he represented and sold over 100 books to major publishers such as Random House, Simon & Schuster and HarperCollins. **Ask him to speak to your writers.**

Community of Writers-COW www.communityofwriters.com

Community of Writers, a teacher support program dedicated to improving student writing achievement by improving the quality of writing instruction, hosted WORDSTOCK this past weekend.

If you missed the event this year check out their

<http://www.communityofwriters.com/>

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Interactive Lessons

These are writing activities that are accessible online. Most are simple directives, much like the types of assignments you got in grade school, e.g. "What did you do on your summer vacation?" Responses to exercises can be accessed by all of this site's registered users, who can then make suggestions, comments and edits to your work.

Give us some [new ideas](#) for interactive lesson plans!

[Connotation Collage](#)

Enter some text like a quotation, a newspaper article, or a passage from a novel, and let the community define and annotate it. [Read more](#)

[Collaborative Rewrites](#)- Examples [Read more](#)

Rewriteable content is text that you allow others to critique and rewrite.