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Innovative, experienced freelance children's writer develops educational materials to promote student success at all grade levels

Qualifications

Summary Experienced educational writer with over 8 years of experience developing materials for the educational market, both online and hard copy and an ongoing desire to hone my craft. Experienced teacher with over 30 years of special education and reading classroom instruction at all grade levels.

Key Competencies Include:

Writing educational materials in language arts, science, study skills, and life skills

Creating non-fiction articles and stories for children

Rewriting classic literature to accommodate lower reading skill levels

Professional communication with publishers and editors and strict adherence to deadlines

Professional

Highlights

Published a photo essay, entitled "Sailing to a Glacier" in *Highlights for Children*, March 2013

Published a digital picture book about silly laws entitled *Please Pay to Park your Elephant* for MeeGenius, Inc., August 2012

Published a non-fiction article entitled "Is Your Cat Happy?" in *Humpty Dumpty's Magazine*, January 2009

Published a workbook entitled *Classroom Drama from Classic Literature*, a book of reader's theater scripts adapted from classic short stories for Teacher Timesavers, Inc., May 2010

Contributed non-fiction articles for adults on travel, science, curriculum and instruction, and cooking for Suite101.com.

Developed a series of articles and activities to teach Earth science, life skills, and study skills for edHelper.com

Adapted classic short stories in reader's theatre format

Developed literature units at all reading levels for both online and hard copy sources

Adapted classic novels for publisher of hi-lo and educational materials

Adapted textbooks and teaching materials for the special education classroom

Education

M.S., Reading, SUNY Fredonia, Fredonia, NY

12/1988

B.S., Special Education/Elementary Education, Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA

5/1979

Professional

Experience

Teachers Pay Teachers

4/2011 – Present

Developing PowerPoint presentations to introduce various reading comprehension and study skills concepts

Developing PowerPoint presentations and study units for various novels and short stories

Developing readers' theater adaptations of classic short stories with study questions and activities

Novel Units, Inc.**11/2008 – 4/2010**

Developed teacher guides for novel study including: novel summary, author biography, character summary, background information, pre-reading activities, discussion questions, supplementary activities, extension activities, and assessments for novels at the middle school and high school levels.

Developed student packets for novel study including: vocabulary activities, study questions, quizzes, and a novel test.

Edited products as requested

EdHelper.com**6/2006 – Present**

Contribute non-fiction articles and activities to teach Earth science, study skills, and life skills for the regular and special education classroom

Contribute literature units and poetry units for all grade levels

Contribute photo books for emerging readers

Complete other projects as requested

Saddleback Publishers**3/2012 – 9/2013**

Adapted classic titles to the 1.5 grade reading level

Adapted Shakespeare works to the 1.5 grade reading level

Teaching Experience**Adjunct Instructor of Developmental Studies****1/2010 – 5/2013**

York Technical College, Chester, SC

Instruct students in Developmental Reading, College Reading, and College Skills classes

Assess reading abilities and plan program of remedial instruction according to student abilities and learning preferences

Teach lessons using creative strategies and various technologies to promote student success

Strive to use relevant and interesting instructional methods to promote skills and critical thinking

Maintain grading and attendance records

Participate in professional development conferences

Tutor Director**1/2009 – 5/2010**

The Learning Key, Great Falls, SC

Administered pre- and post-testing

Grouped students according to abilities and needs

Trained and supervised tutors

Maintained attendance records

Acted as liaison between tutoring company and public school

Met frequently with parents to discuss student progress

Special Education Teacher**9/1988 – 2/2007**

Cattaraugus-Little Valley Central Schools, Cattaraugus, NY

Planned and implemented lessons in reading, language arts, science, social studies, study skills, and life skills

Wrote and implemented individual education plans

Acted as liaison and advocate for students attending mainstreamed classes

Participated in cooperative teaching activities

Participated on various committees including curriculum and instruction and professional development

Attended numerous professional development conferences and workshops
Participated in Committee on Special Education

**Certifications,
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Organizations**

Certifications

Permanent Certification Special Education K-12
Permanent Certification Elementary Education K-6
Permanent Certification Reading K-12

Certificates

Writing for Children and Teens	The Institute of Children's Literature, August, 2008
A Crash Course in the Business of Children's Publishing	The Highlights Foundation, October, 2008
Science Writing Boot Camp	The Highlights Foundation, April, 2012
Belfer Conference for Educators	US Holocaust Memorial Museum, July, 2014
Writing for the Educational Market	The Highlights Foundation, August, 2014

Organizations

Society for Children's Writers and Illustrators
Children's Book Insider
Children's Writer's Guild
South Carolina Association of Developmental Educators
United Way of Lancaster, SC