

SBC's 2016 Young Authors Conference

Students learned:

If you get stuck, try to describe the character's actions ▪ Don't use normal words like "nice" and "awesome" ▪ **You don't have to have one big idea to start an idea** ▪ To keep going ▪ To believe ▪ Let your emotion out ▪ You can always use your imagination ▪ You can make a story about anything ▪ Everything is built of writing ▪ You can always learn new things ▪ Give your reader a picture ▪ A lot of writing is about poems ▪ **Use all of your senses to help you write** ▪ Visualize what you're writing and it will be more detailed and diverse ▪ Express purpose in your writing ▪ Any situation can be a superhero vs. supervillain situation ▪ You can express writing with the body, not just emotions or moods ▪ You have to describe everything ▪ Anyone can do it ▪ Writing is more than just sitting and writing ▪ You can always come back to a story ▪ Do what you love ▪ Don't be scared of your writing ▪ Writing connects to everything ▪ **It only matters if you like what you wrote; it doesn't matter what other people think** ▪ Stories can be powerful ▪ Trust your taste and visualize ▪ There are many starts to a story ▪ Be brave ▪ Support what you start out with ▪ There are many different types of writing and I learned why to write ▪



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**Why
write?**

Teachers said:

I was impressed by the diversity of authors and topics ▪ **Each session I attended had students fully engaged, and encouraged them to take risks in their writing** ▪ Kids loved meeting authors and getting writing ideas ▪ Each of my students said very positive things about all of their sessions ▪ We learned something in each session ▪ The freedom of students at the Young

Authors Conference is great and the varying topics while keeping the theme was excellent ▪ Well organized and well run, as usual ▪ Students are excited before, during, and after the Young Authors Conference ▪ Excellent presenters, encouraging environment, and well organized ▪ **The Young Authors Conference shows students real life professionals who actually write for a career; it helps kids realize that writing is real and why it is important in the real world** ▪ There is nothing else like this for our young writers... This is a

highlight of the year for our students ▪ Students collaborated with one another to share ideas and enthusiasm for writing ▪ I gathered a lot of ideas to use in my classroom ▪ **Students are offered experiences that strengthen their thinking and offer hands-on experiences; being around others who are interested in writing is motivating as well** ▪ The topics encouraged students to find and use their own voice ▪ I love this event ▪