



**Ready to change your professional world?  
Need time to write your manifesto?  
Or perhaps a journal article?**

*“As political activists, we must be advocates and risk takers who are willing to write and speak publicly. We must be public relations people who testify, write letters, pen editorials, and communicate clearly with all educational stakeholders. This is a new role for most of us. The public is not used to seeing teachers on the front lines of the profession.” - Regie Routman, Conversations*

**CSTP can help you try on or indulge yourself in the role of writer and risk taker.**

- Apply for one of the 2008 Writers Retreats:
  - July 21-24 at Islandwood in rural Kitsap County (emphasis on creativity in the classroom, across all grade levels and subject areas)
  - August 4-7 in Bellingham (emphasis on math and science)
- Spend four days in a quiet setting with supportive colleagues and write your opus, op-editorial, or journal article about some aspect of teaching.
- Work with writing coaches who can keep you motivated.
- Be inspired by what your colleagues have to say: about their work—and yours.
- Learn how to prepare your manuscript for publication.

**Not yet sure?**

- You can see the kind of work that teachers produce by downloading *Teachers' Voices* from the CSTP website:  
[http://www.cstpwa.org/Navigational/Teacherleadership/Professional\\_writing/teachers\\_voices.pdf](http://www.cstpwa.org/Navigational/Teacherleadership/Professional_writing/teachers_voices.pdf)
- We can put you in touch with a retreat graduate who can testify to the value of this experience, like a former participant who wrote: “I wanted to be sure that what I was doing in my classroom was the best I could offer my students. I set out to change my own world and this is the story of my journey.”

**Sure?** To apply, please submit the following evidence of interest:

1. Required: Tell us in 150 words or less what you want to write about, who your audience is, and why they need to hear from you on this topic.
2. Helpful but not essential: Submit a piece of writing that illustrates your interest in writing: a letter to the editor; a newsletter article; a weekly letter to parents.

Applications are due by April 18th. Those selected will be notified by June 1st. Writers must bring a laptop computer. Course fee of \$150 will cover seminar, meals and lodging.

Mail, email or fax your response to:  
Jeanne Harmon, Executive Director  
Center for Strengthening the Teaching Profession  
P.O. Box 7052  
Tacoma, WA 98417

Or email: [jeanne@cstp-wa.org](mailto:jeanne@cstp-wa.org)

Or fax: 253-761-1521

## WRITING RETREAT APPLICATION

Name:

Home Address:

City:

Zip:

Home Phone:

School, district, teaching assignment:

School phone:

Summer phone:

School year Email:

Summer email:

Attach the following:

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(optional) Submit a piece of writing that illustrates you are a writer: a letter to the editor; a newsletter article; a weekly letter to parents.

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