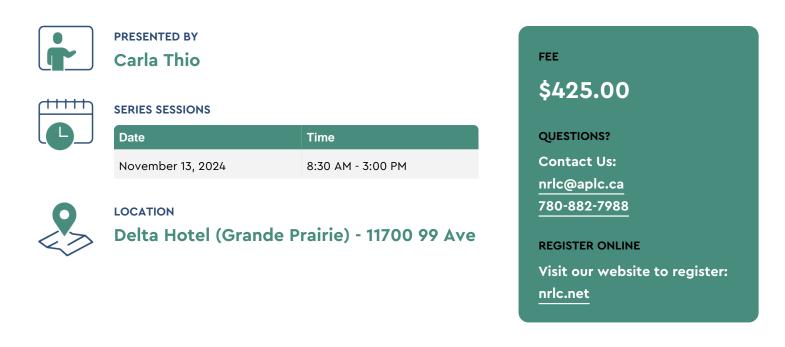


# Empowering Writers - Launching into Literacy - Diving into Informational Skills Gr 2-8



## Learning Opportunity

Build cross-curricular connections through Informational Writing! Come join our training team where Carla Thio, our Master Trainer in Canada, will be presenting our informational workshop in person.

#### WHAT YOU GET:

- 6 hours of Informational Writing instruction with Master Educator Carla Thio
- Full year access to digital resources on the Empowering Writers HUB
- Morning Refreshments and Lunch

#### WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

Instructional tools to support **deeper comprehension of text**, apply analysis skills to **constructed response**, confidently teach **informational and opinion writing**, and learn how to provide **actionable feedback** when assessing student work. Gain understanding of foundational writing skills to **effectively respond to text**.

#### Part 1– Launching into Literacy

- Understanding EW's Methodology and how it creates writing success
- Recognizing Genre
- Identifying Organizational Frameworks (e.g., Informational vs. Narrative)

- Learning How to Annotate and Analyze Text
- Finding Literary Elements for Literary Analysis
- Identifying Text Conventions ("clues" discovery) for Constructed Response

#### Part 2– Informational Skills

- Developing Broad, yet Distinct Main Ideas
- Creating Detail-Generating Questions
- Widening Sentence Variety
- Conducting/referencing Research
- Building Introductions and Conclusions

#### Part 3– Putting It All Together

- Practicing Process Writing
- Forming Assessment Rubrics
- Recap of Today's Learning Informational Writing

### Presenters

#### Carla Thio

Carla Thio has been a classroom teacher for 23 years in Calgary, Alberta. She has become the go-to person for teaching writing. Her students are proof that Empowering Writers yields success. Students arrive to her class excited to write but more importantly confident in writing.

