## Break-Out Session Descriptions

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<td>In this session, you will brainstorm through a variety of methods to help you find the stories you want to tell. Methods include life graphing, memory mapping, firsts/lasts, and likes/dislikes charts. You're certain to walk away bursting with stories for sharing!</td>
<td>You will get expert writing tips from high school writers for your writing.</td>
<td>Have you ever longed to be a superhero, to solve the problems of the world with your mighty powers? Let’s take a look at some fictional super-humans to find out how to create a super persona for ourselves. Then off we go to save the day!</td>
<td>Join us as we use crafts and picture books to expand our word choices in our writing.</td>
<td>It sounds like a bad thing, but stealing lines is a time-honored way to find inspiration and create something wonderful. Mr. Meyer will provide you with the awesome lines, you'll find one worth stealing, and off you'll go on your writing adventure!</td>
<td>Do you want your words to leap off the page and grab your reader by the cheeks before giving them a big sloppy smoosh? Find out how to bestow your own writing with that special zing by experimenting with word choice that evokes a range of emotions and activates the senses!</td>
<td>Using Ed Sheeran’s “Castle on the Hill” as a mentor “text” we will explore what to include when writing a memoir by examining the “So what” of the memories.</td>
<td>Have you ever read a story or book where you can vividly imagine the emotions and experiences of the characters? Learn and practice how to add vivid details to your own story to capture your audience.</td>
<td>Do you like to explore and write? Together we will walk and write outdoors on the UMSL campus. Dress for weather.</td>
<td>As writers, we will build community (personal connections) by sharing poetic, handwritten letters to a diverse audience. We will make every word count. Recipients will have the pleasure of opening our letters to experience the magic within.</td>
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**THIS DAY INCLUDES:**
- Three break-out sessions on improving writing skills and style
- An open-mic session to share your writing
- Keynote speaker

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**
- Registration check-in is from 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Session 1 begins at 9:00 a.m. Schools can be dismissed during the end-of-program open-mic sharing celebration if necessary. All schools will be dismissed by 2:00 p.m.
- Registration Fee - $25/per student
  - Early Bird Registration - $20/per student (Student registration & payment must be paid in full or postmarked by Oct. 20 to get the early bird registration discount!)
  - Group discount: $20 / per student for groups of 20+
- Checks should be made payable to University of Missouri - St. Louis
- Registration includes: all festival activities, writing materials, snacks & drinks.
- Students and teachers should bring lunch.
- Transportation will not be provided by UMSL or GWP.
- Registration deadline - November 1

**Students, please write the letter of your top 6 session choices and complete registration info below. Parents must sign form.**

1st choice - session _____  

2nd choice - session _____  

3rd choice - session ______  

4th choice - session ------  

5th choice - session ------  

6th choice - session_____  

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**Registration**  
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My child's attendance at the Youth Writing Festival indicates my consent for my child's writing, photograph, and/or video to be included in Gateway Writing Project Youth Writing Festival publications.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Have questions? Contact GWP Co-Director Katie O'Daniels at 314-516-5578 / odanielsk@umsl.edu or Cathy Griner at 314-849-2314 / cgriner8@sbcglobal.net
2017 Youth Writing Festival: Teacher Checklist

Get administrative approval to attend on Nov. 9. One teacher may attend free for every five paid registrations. We require one teacher for every 20 students.

Secure transportation. If your students will be traveling by bus, determine travel time and route to the J.C. Penney Conference Center at UMSL. Registration check-in is between 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Session 1 begins at 9:00.

Decide on method of payment. (If parents are paying, then you will need to collect money when students return registration form.)

- Schools may pay for all student registrations via credit card using our online registration system.

- Schools may pay for all student registrations with school check or purchase order. These forms of payment may either be brought to the festival on Nov. 9 or they may be sent via U.S. mail to:
  
  Gateway Writing Project
  
  Attn: Katie O'Daniels
  
  1 University Blvd.
  
  302 Marillac Hall
  
  St. Louis, MO 63121

- Students may pay individually with personal check (made payable to University of Missouri-St. Louis) or cash. Teachers should collect registration fees from students and bring to the festival on Nov. 9 or mail to the address above. If you have students who are in need of a scholarship to pay their registration fees, please contact GWP co-director, Katie O'Daniels, at 314-516-5578 or odanielsk@umsl.edu

NOTE: To qualify for the early bird discount, payment must be processed through the online system or postmarked for delivery to GWP office by Oct. 20

Distribute registration forms to students. We recommend that you set a deadline for students to return the signed form (and payment if students are paying individually). There is no limit on the number of students you may bring; however, this is a full day of writing and may not be well-suited for all students. Schools typically send between 20 - 30 students.

All signed registration forms must be brought to the festival with you on Nov. 9.

Register your students. Complete this online registration form: https://goo.gl/TNnUX7U

After completing the form you will be sent a link to a spreadsheet where you will fill in the names of the student attendees and their session choices. You will also be given information about how to complete online payment if paying by credit card.

You may also visit the GWP website to access this information and the registration form: http://www.umsl.edu/services/gwp/

Registration Deadline = Nov. 1