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Subject: Message #211: Opportunity for ELA and Social Studies Teachers

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**From: Arkansas Department of Education Division of Elementary and Secondary Education,
Curriculum Support**

Dear Arkansas Educators,

To connect the science of reading to writing, DESE is excited to partner for a second year with a team from The Writing Revolution to offer a synchronous course called **Advancing Thinking Through Writing I** for ELA and social studies teachers in grades 3-12. This course introduces participants to the Hochman method, an explicit set of sequenced strategies for teaching expository writing that can be integrated into any content.

During the 2021-2022 school year, and with great success, The Writing Revolution faculty trained over 800 Arkansas educators in 91 school districts. Throughout the school year, teachers worked to implement writing strategies into their classrooms.

For the 2022-2023 school year, DESE will again offer this synchronous course, **Advancing Thinking Through Writing I**, for ELA and social studies teachers in grades 3-12. There will be multiple cohorts of training from September, 2022 through January, 2023.

Those interested in participating should read this [one pager](#); it describes the professional learning opportunity and the requirements for those who attend. Districts interested in participating should assemble a team of ELA and/or social studies teachers in grades 3-12 and at least one administrator or specialist. Specialists could include but is not limited to instructional facilitators, gifted and talented specialists, content area leaders, and special education advisors. An administrator could include but is not limited to a principal, assistant principal, curriculum coordinator or program administrator.

If you would like to send educators to this training, please review the [MOU](#) and complete this [Commitment Form](#). If you have questions or need more information, please contact Amber Pirnique at amber.pirnique@ade.arkansas.gov.

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