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D824 - Webinar - Writing Skills for Essay Questions. The importance of Metacognitive and Metalinguistic Reflection (IGCSE/AS Literature)

Dates: 20 March from 17:30 hs. to 19:30 hs. - 2024

Venue: Distance

Sessions: 1

Minimum attendance for certificates: 1

Vacancies per school: 5

For: AS Language and Literature teachers, IGCSE Literature teachers, secondary school teachers interested in helping students improve their writing, especially, of answers to essay questions.

Please enrol before: **2024, Mar 15th**

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Objectives:

- To promote a genre-based approach to teach students to write answers to essay questions.
- To offer teachers resources, strategies and possible activities specific to essay questions.
- To discuss different dynamics (individual, in pairs, in groups, whole-class) through which to tackle essay questions in the classroom.
- To think of the relation between different writing objectives and activities specific to essay questions.
- To foster metacognitive and metalinguistic reflection through writing activities for unseen texts.

Contents:

- The importance of metacognitive and metalinguistic reflection in writing activities for essay questions.
- The essay question as a sub-genre: constructing an audience and thinking of writing purposes.
- The importance of specific language in the answers to essay questions: words, expressions and phraseology to use and to avoid.
- The construction of cohesive and solid argumentative answers to essay questions through different dynamics (individually, in pairs, in groups, whole-class).
- The relation between writing objectives and activities specific to essay questions.

Bibliography:

Cambridge International Examinations. Learner Guide IGCSE® Literature in English. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018.
Russell, Carey. Cambridge IGCSE® and O Level Literature in English. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018.
Whitthome, Elizabeth. AS & A Level Literature in English. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018.

Methodology: 1) Discussion of frequent problems related to teaching to write answers to essay questions 2) Exploration of specific features of the sub-genre and possible activities to teach them 3) Guided group reflection on answers provided by the participants on possible activities, resources and strategies.

This webinar is part of the series "Metacognitive and Metalinguistic Reflection for Writing Skills", which offers different tools for teachers to approach passage-based questions, essay questions and unseen texts. Although each webinar is independent from the others, each of them deals with specific aspects of those text types.

The other two webinars are:

- Webinar - IG/AS Literature. Writing Answers to Literature-Related Questions. Metacognitive and Metalinguistic Reflection in Writing Activities
- Writing Skills for Passage-Based Questions. The importance of Metacognitive and Metalinguistic Reflection (IGCSE/AS Literature)
- Writing Skills for Unseen Texts. The Importance of Metacognitive and Metalinguistic Reflection (IGCSE/AS Literature)