

Intro Workshop Goals

- Discuss the writing instruction practices that the participants currently use in their classrooms.
- Explore and define some best approaches and principles related to writing.
- Explore the concept of the balanced literacy approach.
- Present an overview of the ÉCRI model, its five phases and its support activities.
- Make connections between the ÉCRI model and best practices.

Intro Workshop Plan

- Identify best writing practices during a guided imagery activity.
- Discuss best practices.
- Explore the concept of the balanced literacy approach
- View the introduction on the DVD.
- Explore the ÉCRI model, its five phases and its supporting activities.
- Identify the best practices in the ÉCRI model.
- Fill out a questionnaire on general literacy teaching practices and, more specifically, writing instruction.

Guided Imagery

Imagine that you walk into the ideal writing class in the middle of a writing lesson.

1. What do you see?
2. What writing approach is the teacher using?
3. What are the teaching strategies?
4. What are the students doing?
5. What tools and resources are used in this classroom?
6. What is on the classroom walls?

Guided
Shared
Independent
Aloud



Reading

Balanced Literacy



Oral communication

Language activities

Vocabulary development
Phonological awareness
Grapho-phonetic system
Six traits of writing

Writing

Shared
Interactive
Independent
Guided



Mini-Lessons

- Throughout the five phases of the ÉCRI model, the teacher presents a series of mini-lessons, called supporting activities, that will help students carry out their final writing projects.
- These mini-lessons may take the form of oral, reading, writing trait, or writing strategy activities.

ÉCRI MODEL

REASONED AND COHERENT WRITING IN IMMERSION

PHASE

1

PRESENTATION OF THE
WRITING PROJECT

PHASE

2

MODELED WRITING

SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES:

READING ACTIVITIES ORAL ACTIVITIES GUIDED WRITING
MINI-LESSONS ON WRITING TRAITS AND WRITING STRATEGIES

PHASE

3

SHARED WRITING

PHASE

4

INTERACTIVE WRITING

PHASE

5

INDEPENDENT WRITING



Best Practices and the ÉCRI Model

- Organization of writing instruction
- Scaffolding
- Active learning
- Project-based learning
- Balanced literacy (phases + supporting activities)