



NCTE 8.3

Sample Interview Protocol

THESE QUESTIONS CAN BE USED OR ADAPTED TO YOUR SCHOOL'S NEEDS IN ORDER TO ASSESS A CANDIDATE'S WRITING EXPERTISE.

1. What do you think is the value of formal writing? Of informal writing?
 - a. Can you provide an example of how you use informal writing to help students learn?
 - c. How do you help students create connections between formal and informal writing?
2. Can you provide an example of how you teach students to connect in-class reading to their writing assignments?
3. How would describe your understanding of writing processes?
 - a. How do your assignments help students generate ideas for their papers?
 - b. Can you provide an example of how your assignments help students move from ideas to drafts?
 - c. How do your assignments encourage students to revise and edit?
4. In addition to essays, what genres and modes of writing do you encourage your students to use? What genres do you use for informal, low-stakes writing? What genres do you use for formal, graded assignments?
5. How do you integrate technology into your teaching? How do you connect traditional print writing assignments to new media writing forms?
6. How do you explain assessment processes and link those assessment processes to further growth?
 - a. How do you distinguish between summative and formative evaluation?
 - b. What relationship do you see between assessment and instruction?
 - c. What is the role of high stakes testing in the teaching of writing?