The San Antonio Writing Project (SAWP) presents three workshops to help teachers teach the most challenging parts of the STAAR Test. Led by experienced teacher consultants from SAWP, each workshop will consist of three teaching demonstrations of successful lessons used in teachers’ classrooms. Each lesson will be aligned with TEKS and ELPS standards, and strategies for reaching ELL writers and integrating technology will be presented. Participating teachers will earn six hours of Professional Development Credit certified by the UTSA Academy for Teacher Excellence.

**Workshop #1: Teaching Persuasive Writing**  
**July 24**  
**8:30-3:30 at UTSA-Downtown**  
Students writing persuasive essays must learn to present a convincing position as a thesis that they develop with a clear organizational structure supported by detailed evidence. This workshop will present lessons showcasing strategies for helping students with these key areas of focus, organization, and development. In addition, teachers attending will learn techniques to help them design engaging persuasive writing assignments and learn approaches to help students write persuasive essays based from readings.

**Workshop #2: Teaching Expository Writing**  
**July 31**  
**8:30-3:30 at UTSA-Downtown**  
Teaching expository writing is the newest part of the STAAR teachers struggle with the most. This workshop will help demystify expository writing and present three lessons teachers can use in their classrooms. In particular, teachers will learn strategies for helping students launch an expository essay with a clear controlling idea, as well as strategies for helping students organize their essays and use specific details and examples to develop their theses. Teachers attending will also learn strategies for designing effective persuasive writing assignments.

**Workshop #3: Strategies for Teaching Revision and Editing**  
**Aug 7**  
**8:30-3:30 at UTSA-Downtown**  
This workshop will present three lessons geared to help students revise and edit their compositions and perform better on the multiple-choice portions of the STAAR. Presentations will focus on issues of global revision (thesis, organization, coherence, development) and issues of local revision (editing for word choice, grammar, punctuation and mechanics). Students learn to write by rewriting, so particular emphasis will be placed on learning these skills of revision and editing in the context of the writing process.

Each Workshop costs $45 dollars.

For registration and more information visit http://www.sanantoniowritingproject.org or email sawp@utsa.edu