

National Council of Teachers of English

Story as the Landscape of Knowing

NCTE 2014 Annual Convention

Washington DC

Our Idea

- We understand that access to enriching educational experiences can be limited.
- We need to provide everyone with the same experience.
 - Improve the quality of writing while addressing ELL and Special Education students
 - Address ELA standards
 - Use personal experiences to enhance student learning

Our Presentation



C.26 **That's Sensational! Using the Five Senses to Inspire the Inner Storyteller** Potomac 5/6

From infancy, senses define our world. They are the keys to making connections and unlocking understanding. This session will show attendees how to use the senses to inspire the exceptional education and ELL student to recall, create, and share their stories.

Chair: Melissa Ragan, Course Crafters, Verona, New Jersey

Speakers: Ester Guillen, Tucson Unified School District, Arizona

Christine Gallego, Tucson Unified School District, Arizona



4th grade ELL Student Sample #1

hearing

① I think it reminds me of the charcoaling At the foot ball game.

② It ^{feel} remind me of the beach.

It ^{sight} remind me me of a tree.

It ^{Smell} reminds me of when I burned my fence.

tast.

It remind me of the small mint.

I was play around with pigs when I was at a cook out. Then I triped and burn the fence. I use a Exituash it didnt work so I got my dad and he put it out. We get hamburgers for dinner.

At The foot ball game we had tons of fun. then next marday my dad in vited some friends only to people. I made a bet with my huile. Then I won and I got my doller.

4th grade ELL / SPED Student Sample

it make me think when I'm in Christmas
before we put the canes in the
Christmas tree the cane is caught in Christmas
tree is colors. Sometime you dream
and try with family

It makes me think when I'm in Christmas because we put the canes in the Christmas tree. The cane is caught in Christmas tree. (It) is colors. Sometime you dream and try (with) family.

Presentation Feedback



- “I can use this with my college students, but use more advance language.”
- “This is something we can tie into the Common Core.”
- “This would be a good opportunity for students to bring in their own culture to share.”
- A Canadian author wants us to connect with her network (colleagues).

Benefits of NCTE



- Promoting good TUSD literacy practices
- Having in-depth conversations with colleagues from other states about issues of special populations
- Leads to student achievement in our own classrooms
- Meaningful professional Development
 - Opportunities to take away new strategies
 - Ways we can make improvements within our own teaching
 - Creating a more powerful learning environment

THANK YOU!