

# A Marvelous Mix

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Question: What do a hermit crab, a foam apple, and a scary movie clip have in common?

Answer: They were all part of fascinating presentations given during our Write-to-Learn Saturday Workshops.

Yes, the hermit crab was part of a demonstration that showed teachers how to better explain the important parts of expository writing.

The foam apple was used to help teachers to develop objective observational skills. These skills were then used as we read a student's piece of written work.

The movie clip was part of a presentation that showed how writers build a story by developing important story elements.

Most of our presenters



*Marlon Kibrow presenting a Write-to-Learn Saturday Workshop*

are T-Cs who recently completed MWP's STI (Summer Teacher Institute) this past summer, although more seasoned T-Cs come by now and then to present as well. Because

our STI is conducted at three different sites now, our presenters come from all over the state. Two presenters were from our new Southern Maryland site, one from our Prince George's County site, and five from our Towson site.

If you have not paid a visit to room 312 in the Psych building at TU to participate in one of these gems, it is not too late to experience the excellent teaching ideas and collegial exchange that are part of these Saturday mornings. We have one Saturday left in our series for this year: May 1. So mark your calendars, be ready to drag yourself out of bed, and be part of intriguing group interaction and thoughtful discussions. Sessions run from 9:30 – 12:00. The mix of opinions, approaches, and strategies is truly marvelous.



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