

John O'Connor



John S. O'Connor has taught English for the past eighteen years in a wide variety of settings and at every level from sixth grade to college, including Penn State University and the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools. He has published in *English Journal*, *Shakespeare*, and *OAH Magazine of History* and recently wrote *Wordplaygrounds*, a book that presents new approaches to teaching poetry. In addition, he has published poems in *Rhino*, *Heron's Nest*, and *Modern Haiku*. John has been a featured speaker at state English Council Conferences, the Harold Washington Library for National Poetry Month, and poetry teacher workshops. He is available to present to middle and secondary teachers.

Speaking and Workshop Topics

Level: 6-12

- Reading, Writing and Performing Poetry

Books by John

Wordplaygrounds: Reading, Writing, and Performing Poetry in the English Classroom

Sample Presentations

- "Poetry Playgrounds: New Voices in the Classroom"
- "Poemsinging: Incorporating Poetry and Music in the Classroom"
- "Life Lessons: Learning to Analyze Characters and Ourselves through Story"
- "StoryFrames: Using Student Narrative to Improve Comprehension"

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