

MY

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WRITE!

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February 10, 2026
9:00 am - 12:00 pm CT
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LIVE IN-PERSON,
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3 PD Hours
Continental Breakfast



Are you grappling with the challenge of getting students to write more? Students routinely struggle with open-ended writing prompts.

Research shows writing leads to:

- enhanced brain activity
- improved reading comprehension
- increased likelihood that students will retain and transfer knowledge and skills.

Learn to use cognitive writing as a means for

- writing across the disciplines
- building students' stamina for on-demand writing tasks
- generating student-driven evidence of learning

Explore ways to use cognitive journal writing as a sustainable solution for:

- improving writing across subjects
- scaffolding writing properly for all learners, multi-linguals, and students with disabilities.

Success Criteria:

We'll know we've learned this when we can . . .

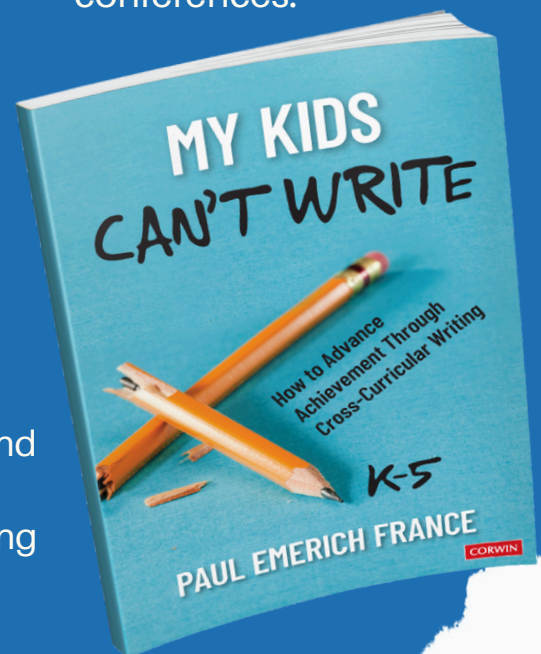
- define cognitive writing
- explain elements of the research that support cognitive writing as a sustainable, learner-centered practice
- identify scaffolds that will support cognitive writing in the classroom
- identify an action step for scaffolding writing across all subjects.

Intended Audience:

Anyone who supports students, K-5!

Coaches and **administrators** need to understand the "whys" and the research behind cognitive writing, as well as scaffolds to recommend to teachers when scaffolding writing; **teachers** will gain insight into practical tips for scaffolding writing across the content areas.

Paul Emerich France is a National Board Certified Teacher, dedicated to helping all learners feel seen, heard, and valued in the classroom. Paul has taught in multiple settings, ranging from transitional kindergarten to fifth grade. Now, Paul is a sought-after writer and speaker, having presented at Vision 365, SXSW EDU and serving as keynote speaker at regional and national conferences.



[Hear Paul Talk About Journaling!](#)

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 Presented by Paul Emerich France
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 (add \$25) \$ _____

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Fax: Fax completed form to 309-438-5364 using your Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express or a copy of school P.O.

Email: Email a completed registration form and approved PO to mdrhoa1@ilstu.edu.

The registration deadline is February 4, 2026. A \$15.00 fee will be charged for cancellations made in writing prior to the deadline. No refunds will be given after the deadline. Confirmation will be sent via e-mail after your registration is processed. Registrations can be transferred to another individual by faxing information to 309-438-5364 or by emailing mdrhoa1@ilstu.edu.

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