

February 21, 2023 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Tulare County Office of Education 7000 Doe Avenue Visalia, CA 93291

AUDIENCE: Teachers, Coaches, Administrators

> **COST:** \$225

INCLUDES: Book and Lunch

OMS REGISTRATION: http://tulare.k12oms.org/147-218155

> **B.Y.O.D:** Bring Your Own Device (laptop or tablet)



An Educational Resource Services Professional Development Opportunity

Tulare County Office of Education

Tim A. Hire, County Superintendent of Schools



Readers read beautiful, inspiring, and often complex passages that make them linger in thought. Writers take and use bits and pieces of what they read, and use it as mentor texts for their own writing. Our job in helping students fall in love with writing and revising is to find the right mentor texts that allow them to have fun playing with language as they develop their own craft.

In this workshop, we will share a variety of mentor texts and help you experience the power within your pen. Straight-forward, explicit activities will remove the wonder and show you how everyone can become a stronger writer through the power of mentor texts. You will leave with repeatable activities to use with your students that will help them write more engaging introductions to informative essays, more emotion-grabbing details in their argumentative writing, and deeper connections in their narratives. All text types will be explored as we introduce mentor texts from a variety of genres. You will then seek out gems as you treasure hunt for mentor texts to share with others. Experience a heartfelt sense of belonging as if you've spent the day at a writer's retreat. Leave with an arm full of activities to replicate in your classroom tomorrow.

Participants will receive a copy of *The Writing Thief: Using Mentor Texts to Teach the Craft of Writing* by Ruth Culham.





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CANCELLATIONS - Participants must cancel ten (10) working days prior to the event in writing via fax or email; those who do not will be billed for the registration fee. Workshops are subject to rescheduling or cancellation if a minimum of fifteen (15) participants have not registered ten (10) working days prior to the event.