Teachers' First Steps

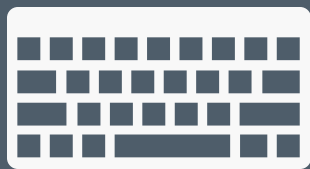Some guidance on how to get started

1. Join W4C platform

First, join the W4C online community (see separate instructions). Once you are there, follow the same steps as students. Begin with Mission 0, the onboarding tool, to get to know the space. Look at teacher consent form.

2. Prepare students to join

The first step is to collect student emails and send the list a week before you plan to begin. Have them do the intake survey and fill in consent forms (we can share results). We have an optional global awareness survey if you are interested. Many teachers also do introductory activities to help prepare students to connect.

3. Get students on W4C platform

You will need to manage the 2-step sign-on process (see separate instructions). It is a bit of a challenge, and we are happy to support you (feel free to email us to troubleshoot any time).

TIP: you may want to keep a list of student log in info

4. Onboard students

The first mission they should do when joining is Mission 0. This will help them get familiar with the main tools and add some content to the site. It will also get them in the practice of commenting on other people's work. Signing on and doing Mission 0 generally takes 1 period.
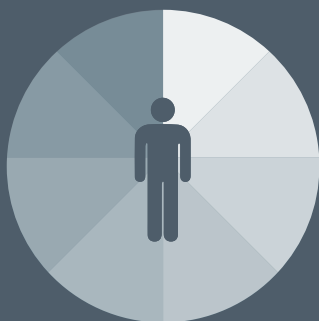
5. Participate weekly (missions)

Each week there will be a new mission. These are designed to get kids talking with others about similar topics. You should plan to get students started on whatever the current mission of the week is, no matter where it is in a sequence.

6. Do other activities

There are other ways students can engage in the community. You can organize projects that students work on, join or start a collaboration with another group, or direct students to add independent writing to the Writer's Corner. The level and kind of participation is up to you.

7. Stay in touch

We are hoping to create a thriving teacher community, so please get involved! There will be group emails, newsletters, a dedicated online area, optional teacher-led PD and collaborative planning, etc.

Thank you for joining!
- Unfortunately, the community does not work well on mobile yet. We are working on it.
- We will never publish or promote any student writing without their express consent. We may seek consent from them by contacting you.
- Let us know if you want to work on the research side of the project at any point.