

WHY WRITING MATTERS

Strong writing skills impact everything, from academic performance to workplace readiness. Our workshops empower participants with the skills to write well and to communicate a message important to them. Gemini Ink's Partner Class workshops are about helping people of all skill levels to bring their stories to life, because we believe in the value of every voice.

THE FOUR PILLARS

Gemini Ink's mission revolves around the Four Pillars of the Craft of Writing: form, ambition, language and polish. Our Partner Class programs help students of all ages develop skills in all four.

- Form: Using various forms to create meaning
- Ambition: Willingness to take risks in writing
- Language: Using various devices to create tone
- Polish: Ability to give and receive feedback

ABOUT GEMINI INK

Gemini Ink's mission is to teach the craft of writing to people of all skill levels so they can bring their stories to life. We envision a world where all people experience the power of the writing arts. We believe writing that story is powerful. When people learn the four pillars of writing, they learn the power of the craft of writing. When they learn the power of the craft of writing, they bring their stories to life. Our strategic vision is to teach 12,000 people how to bring their stories to life by 2024.

GET INVOLVED

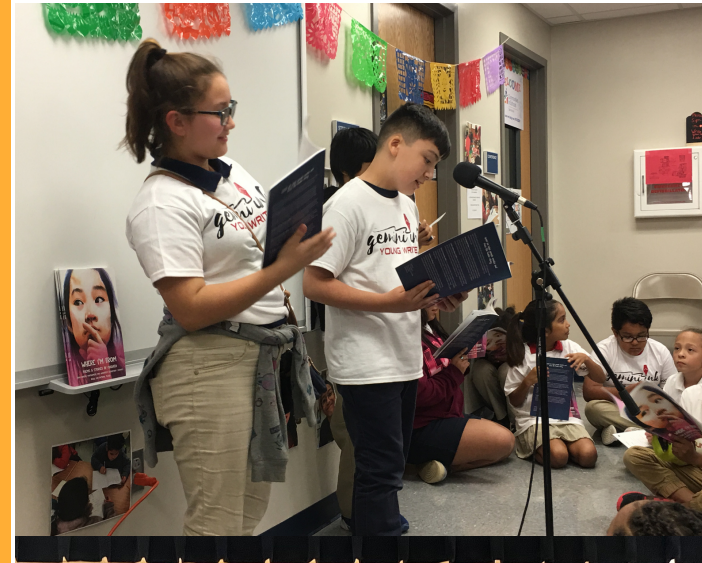
Gemini Ink is always interested in nurturing partnerships and extending our reach around San Antonio. If you'd like more information about the Partner Class program, contact Florinda Flores-Brown at fbrown@geminiink.org

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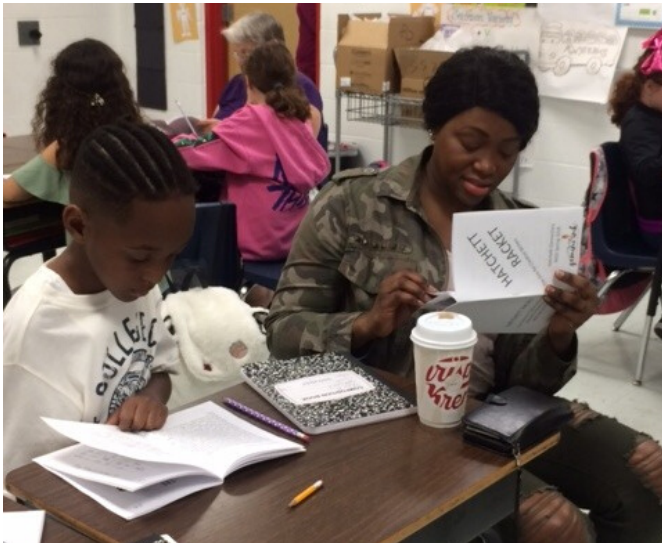


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Partner Class Program



WHAT WE DO

Gemini Ink's Partner Class program sends professional writers, known as teaching artists, into community settings—schools, shelters, neighborhood centers, detention facilities—to provide creative writing workshops that are always free to participants.

The art and practice of storytelling in all its forms is an essential part of building happy, healthy communities. We seek to do this by engaging our community through craft-focused writing workshops that reflect their lives and build critical reading and writing skills in the process.

In our classes, workshop participants explore their creative voices, share their work with friends and family, and discover the power of effective self-expression.



"I commend Gemini Ink for its outreach to young people across the city, for its far-reaching vision to bring literature to ALL citizens, readers and non-readers, writers and those who fear writing. Bravo for enriching our San Antonio!"
—Sandra Cisneros



IN THE WORKSHOP

Partner Class workshops provide instruction in The Four Pillars of the Craft of Writing by engaging participants through literary models, imaginative writing prompts, and opportunities to share their work, including publication.

- The teaching artist leads the participants through a reading and discussion of a compelling literary model—generally, a poem, short story, or short essay.
- Participants write their own creative pieces in response to an interesting and fun writing prompt.
- Students read their writing aloud, receive constructive feedback from instructors and peers, and celebrate their writing at a public reading.

Prompts for Partner Class Workshops do double work: they provide exciting, highly creative tasks for participants while teaching specific craft techniques. Yet the exercises are about more than mastering a skill—they are designed to increase joy and engagement with the literary arts.

OUR TEACHING ARTISTS

The Partner Class program hires working writers who are also excellent teachers of writing. By providing ongoing support and professional development to our Partner Class teaching artists, we build a strong sense of teamwork among Partner Class faculty, who engage in deep discussions about their challenges, discoveries, and best practices.

We also invite multidisciplinary artists to serve as guest artists in our workshops to create a dynamic learning experience in which students see the interplay between various disciplines/ art forms.

The end result is that Partner Class workshops are always of high artistic quality, making them very effective at teaching the craft of writing while promoting a lifelong engagement with reading and writing.