# UC MERCED WRITING PROJECT INVITATIONAL SUMMER INSTITUTE 2002



**Teacher Leadership Development** 

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- We started each morning with 20 minutes of journaling.
- Journal writing is like a warm-up in sports. The more you practice the better you get.
- The old adage that you should practice what you preach applies here.

Journal Writing is a time to reflect, contemplate, or plan



- > Fellows were coached for their presentations.
- They included current theory in the teaching of writing to support their practice.
- Every demonstration demanded writing from participants.



## BEST PRACTICE DEMONSTRATIONS

#### Presentations are interactive and fun!



- Fellows brought a new piece of writing each week to be discussed in their writing groups.
- They learned to respond to a piece of writing in a way to help the writer rethink the possibilities of how best to convey a thought or experience.
- The week ended with editing suggestions.

### WRITING GROUPS



- We read three texts on the teaching of writing.
- We met in reading circles and talked about moving theory to practice.
- We gave book talks on the last.

#### READING AND RESEARCH



#### FELLOWS TO TEACHER CONSULTANTS!

- Congratulations to all of the Fellows for their hard work, dedication, and most of all for sharing their expertise with each other.
- We hope you will contract with the UC Merced Writing Project to provide your staff development needs in the areas of writing and reading.

Number of Programs: 97

Distinct Participants: 722

▶ Total Attendance: 1818

Number of Contact Hours: 17,827

Number of Participating Schools: 96

A Summary of Our Work From January 2001 to September 2002:

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