



JEN VINCENT

TEACHING, WRITING, TRANSFORMATION

Middle school language arts teacher, author, and founder of Story Exploratory. Passionate about helping students and teachers live the life of a writer. Experienced speaker and workshop facilitator, specializing in writing identity, student voice, and intentional writing instruction.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Bannockburn School District 106

AUG 2022 - PRESENT

- Language Arts Teacher - 6, 7, 8
- Recipient of NCTE's Donald H. Graves Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Writing, 2024

Story Exploratory

JAN 2019 - PRESENT

- Founder
- Head Story Explorer

Mundelein School District 75

AUG 2015 - PRESENT

- Teacher - Dual Language/Bilingual - 7-8
- Teacher - Language Arts/Social Studies - 7-8
- Instructional Coach
- Technology Integration Specialist

Elgin School District U-46

AUG 2002 - JUN 2015

- Coordinator of Instructional Technology
- Teacher Leader - Teacher Mentor Program
- Hearing Itinerant Teacher

EDUCATION

National Board Certification

FOCUS: EARLY MIDDLE CHILDHOOD LITERACY

Master of Education

FOCUS: CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION
NATIONAL LOUIS UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Science Education

FOCUS: DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING
NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Endorsements

MIDDLE SCHOOL
ENGLISH
SOCIAL STUDIES
ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

AUTHOR

Living the Life of a Writer: 6 Practices Student Writers Have, Know, and Do (Stenhouse, Fall 2025)

- A professional resource for teachers that reimagines writing instruction through student identity, agency, and process.

SPEAKING & PD

- Bookelicious Virtual PD – “Empowering Student Writers by Supporting Teacher Confidence” (April 2025)
- Illinois Association of Teachers of English (IATE) Conference – Presenter (2024)
- National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) – Presenter (2015-present), Build Your Stack Committee Chair (2022-2025)

LANGUAGES

English ● ● ● ● ●
 Spanish ● ● ● ● ●
 Signed English ● ● ●

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