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OBJECTIVES FOR TRAIT WRITING
ACROSS LANGUAGE AND CULTURE WORKSHOP:

Participants of the introductory institute will:
- Explore research and best practices
  - when working with Learners of a Second Language
  - to honor student background knowledge and culture
- Get started with analytic writing assessment and instruction
- Learn to formatively evaluate student writing across seven dimensions of performance: ideas, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, conventions, + presentation
- Explore a range of proven teaching strategies and classroom-tested resources
- Use rubrics to plan detailed trait writing instruction for specific grade levels
- Use rubrics to provide students with effective feedback
- Align the writing process and trait instruction to build a seamless system
- Map out a year of trait writing instruction and create lesson plans
- Build a learning community that shares a common vocabulary and vision of quality writing performance as it serves Multi-language learners and diverse cultures

ASSESSMENT & SCORING:
- Practice scoring student work samples using clearly defined and sometimes (K-2) illustrated rubrics for the K–12 grade levels.
- Review, explore, and apply teacher/student-tested writing lessons for each trait