

FREEDOM WRITERS METHODOLOGY

It's not just writing

It is transformative education. Through the FREEDOM Writers Methodology, students significantly alter their self-images and understandings of society and culture. Students meet all academic standards and grade-level skills as they realize their full potential and graduate college and career ready. This is not just education, it is a personal odyssey.

Components of the Freedom Writers Methodology:

- The students undergo deep personal and cultural analysis with the aim to improve their lives and community.
- The teacher is deeply caring and very aware of each students' personal and societal obstacles.
- The act of writing and sharing one's personal story is a driving force behind the curriculum.
- Autobiographical and academic writing are stressed throughout the methodology.
- The curriculum consists of high interest and relevant nonfiction and fiction selections, often dealing with human and civil rights.
- Assignments consist largely of empowering, project-based, and experiential learning activities in which the student positively impacts herself/himself or their community.

The success of the Freedom Writer Methodology is dependent on a driven and trustworthy educator who establishes a safe environment and is personally invested in each student.