

Using Photos to Write Your Stories with Sharon Santillo

Goal: All students will experience the power of beginning their writing with a photo and enjoy the process of successfully writing a family or personal story of their choosing

Each class has three basic parts:

1. **Modeling**-I begin each class reading a piece of literature and sharing a visual technique with photos
2. **Work Session**-beginning with a writing session and ending with trying out a visual technique to enhance photos
3. **Sharing**-volunteers get an opportunity to orally rehearse their story from the photo, read their writing, and share their art. Listeners get an opportunity to learn from each other and give positive feedback or ask questions if there is something they are unclear about.