



K-12 Teachers Alliance Featured Presenter:

Janet Aaker Smith

Presentation Topics

- DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION
- BRAIN BASED LEARNING
- CURRICULUM BASED CONUNDRUMS FOR GIFTED STUDENTS
- MOTIVATE WITH LAUGHTER (STUDENT MOTIVATION)
- 6 + 1 TRAITS WRITING
- SNEAKING STEM IN

Biography

Janet has worked in the field of education and training for over 30 years. She is an accomplished K-12 teacher and presenter both nationally and internationally as well as a talented author of over 11 educational publications. Most recently, Janet has been providing professional development to individual schools and school districts across the country. She shares her passion of teaching with teachers, parents and students by providing practical strategies to increase student achievement. Janet has been described as a motivating, enthusiastic and fun presenter.

Janet spent 13 years in Australia teaching and consulting for The University of Melbourne and Deakin University as well as developing programs for each, such as, Bright Sparks, Engaging Classrooms, and Middle Years of Schooling. While in Australia, Janet also worked with the Department of Education assisting in the development and implementation of gifted and talented statewide policy. In addition, Janet was Vice President of the Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children. In 2006 Janet helped create a school for special needs children in Kuwait. Janet is a much sought-after presenter for state and national conferences because of her passion for teaching and learning and her practical ideas to engage all students in learning.

Academic & Professional Qualifications

- Master of Education – University of North Texas
- PhD coursework completed; dissertation and research in critical thinking
- 12 years experience as a part-time undergraduate and graduate lecturer
- Brain Expo Presenter
- Author of the following educational publications:
 - *Challenging Puzzles: Language Arts/Grammar and in Life Science, Physical Science, Earth Science, Human Body,*
 - *90 Instructional Strategies for the Classroom.*
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 - *Australia publications*
 - *101 Brain-Based Instructional Strategies*
 - *Flying in Style with Altitude, Aptitude And Attitude*
 - *Bright Futures Resource Book: Education of Gifted Students.*

"This workshop was excellent! Rather than just presenting information, Janet provided concrete, practical ways to use the techniques, strategies and models in the classroom."

— Teacher, Houston, TX

Janet Aaker Smith's dynamic and creative presentations fully engage her audiences. Her sessions are always full with registered participants along with a waiting list to attend. Most importantly, Janet's topics are relevant and packed with practical strategies to easily implement in the classroom.

— Director of Advanced Academics, Grand Prairie, TX

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