

The Evolution of WriteSteps

1994-2002

Teacher Suzanne Klein discovers ways to be highly effective in boosting K-5 literacy/writing skills in Michigan. She teaches all elementary grades including a Title I literacy program.

2004-2007

Suzanne serves as an independent writing consultant, modeling lessons in over 400 classrooms and presenting district-wide seminars to help K-5 teachers improve writing instruction.

2008-2011

WriteSteps expands its staff and gains over 2,000 teacher users while continuing to provide professional development services for K-5 teachers.

2002-2003

After presenting her successes at the Michigan Reading Association annual conference in 2002, Suzanne accepts a position coaching teachers throughout the nation, giving professional development workshops on *Balanced Writing* for the Bureau of Education Research.

2007-2008

Suzanne launches WriteSteps in response to frequent teacher requests that she share her modeled lessons. WriteSteps pilots 2nd and 3rd grade lessons, subsequently adding lessons for other elementary grades due to popular demand.

2011

WriteSteps adds master teachers who redesign its lessons to address the Common Core Standards in writing and grammar, using the same successful approach that has become a WriteSteps hallmark. **WriteSteps Common Core launches nationally on the first day of school.**

WriteSteps Founder & CEO Suzanne Klein is a former K-5 teacher and writing consultant with extensive training in writing pedagogy best practices, especially **writer's workshop** and **6 Traits**. Klein holds a Master of Arts degree in teaching, is a **National Writing Project** fellow, and draws inspiration from teachers such as Ralph Fletcher, Barry Lane, Lucy Calkins, Katie Wood Ray, and John Collins.