

Lenguamente in Motion: The Writer's Niche Project

Objectives:

- Encourage the development of much-needed writing skills
- Provide a forum for our rising young writers
- Let the student's imagination, creativity, concerns, and voice in general be heard
- Increase computer/internet skills
- Provide a hands-on, experience-based introduction to university life
- Increase awareness of post-graduation options
- Connect aspiring high school students to university students in a thriving college town
- Through the above connection, get students to go on a free college visit
- Celebrate student participation in the project via a Jam Session (writing-based but wide open for artistic interpretation!), free to the public and aired on live local radio shows
- Provide support for multi-lingual expression
- Develop student resumes via online publications/participation in project

Method:

- Students post their writing (poetry, short-stories, plays, letters, etc.) on the [lenguamente.com](http://www.lenguamente.com/) website (<http://www.lenguamente.com/> :: go to "online forum")
- Students give and receive constructive feedback on fellow participant's/their own writing
- Students follow the progression of the College Writing 112 course that I teach at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst
- Students participate in the college visit to the University of Massachusetts-Amherst/5-Colleges and the Jam Session

What can you do:

- Let your students know about the project and how to post their writing (I have attached a flyer for them)
- Let non-profits like Aspira, Pathways for Youth, Holyoke Planners Network, Teach America, Americorps, and like-minded organizations spread the word to students
- Help find and deliver computers to the schools/program offices where the students will be posting their writing from

For more information:

Check out www.lenguamente.com article #5 ("The Writer's Niche Project") for a full description of the project. Call or email Jacob Dyer-Spiegel, at (716) 308-4387 or jads@lenguamente.com

A todos los *escritores* que andan por ahí...

To all you **writers** out there...

A todos os *escritores* que estão aí...

Come visit the www.lenguamente.com website and let the people *Hear & Read & Feel* your writing by posting on the Lenguamente **forum!**

On the Forum you can also:

- ~See how a college writing course is run...
- ~Find Scholarships for College...
- ~Comment on other people's Writing...
- ~See what people think about your's...
- ~Ask and learn about life in College...
- ~Get info on Arts & Literary Events...
- ~Learn about different college programs...
- ~Read & Post Quotes of the Day...
- ~Get Reading Lists...

How do you post your writing?

1. Go to www.lenguamente.com
2. Click on "Join the Online Forum"
3. Register and Login
4. Find the "Writer's Niche Project" section
5. ¡Write!