

# *Digital Writing Projects for LA, History and STEAM - Delivering Curriculum and 21st C Skills in a Blended Learning Environment*

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 (snow date, if needed: January 28, 2020)

East Bay Educational Collaborative, Warren, RI

Registration: 8:30 am • Workshop: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

*Presenter: Brett Pierce, Meridian Stories*

Digital Writing - audio and video narratives - around core curricula is the new literacy for today's students. Given our students' propensity to find both entertainment and information on YouTube and other visually based media platforms, it's incumbent upon us as educators to teach them how to produce substantive content for these digital platforms. Whereas our traditional library contains books, theirs contains videos - many of which are really interesting, provocative and artistically notable. And yet, as educators, we don't prioritize helping our students "write" or create for this literacy; this visually digital universe of ideas.

This hands-on workshop focuses on:

1. Providing practical guidance for educators to lead curricular-driven, Digital Writing Projects (you don't need to understand digital production!)
2. Developing a new understanding of the educational value of students collaborating to develop, create and produce video and audio narratives; and
3. Exploring the tools, apps and platforms (with a particular focus on YouTube) that are driving students' engagement with and participation in these digital worlds.

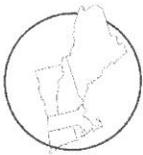
Teachers will come away with a variety of Digital Writing Projects to bring into the classroom, as well as the tools to implement them.

Presenter Bio: Brett is the founder and Executive Director of Meridian Stories, a Digital Writing nonprofit for middle and high schoolers that challenges students to create digital narratives around core curricular goals. Brett has spent much of his professional life at Sesame Workshop in New York City, serving as a Co-Executive Producer on media projects about literacy, math, science and conflict-resolution for youth around the world, including projects in China, Macedonia, Indonesia, Poland, Iraq and Ecuador. He is currently working with the Abu Dhabi-based Executive Team on the latest production of Sesame Street in the United Arab Emirates, and has recently completed work on two radio dramas targeting youth about gender equity issues in South Sudan and Somalia. Brett has a BA from Kenyon College and Masters Degrees from Middlebury College (English) and Columbia University (Education), and teaches an annual intensive at Colby College called 'Developing Media for Social Change.' He lives in Freeport, Maine.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** For NELMS to hold this event, we need to have a total of 10 paid attendees.

Registration begins @ 8:30 A.M.

Program starts at 9:00 A.M. and ends at 3:00 P.M.

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② REGISTRATION FEE (Check Your Selection)	Member*	Non-Member/On-Site
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 169	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 199

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Registration deadline is **January 7, 2020**.

Registrations post-marker and received after the registration deadline will be charged the on-site fee.

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