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<p><b>2011 ISI Completed</b> –</p> <p><b>2012 ISI underway</b></p> <p>17 applications – Focus Groups with applicants are scheduled for early February</p>	<p>2011: Tom Pankiewicz, director;</p> <p>Christie Leigan, co-director;</p> <p>Kyla Ward, mentor;</p> <p>Jane Frick, gofer’</p> <p>Mary Lee Meyer, TL support</p>	<p><b>Invitational Institute:</b> Invitational Institute Class of 2011: Lori Burns, Sherwood high school language arts teacher; Jackie Clark, MWSU graduate teaching assistant; Josie Clark, St. Joseph Bode middle school language arts teacher; Amanda Felice, MWSU graduate student; Katey Girard, Osborn high school language arts teacher; Stephanie Hartley, MWSU graduate teaching assistant; Leigh Lewandowski, Lathrop high school social studies teacher; Mary Martin, Platte Co. high school language arts teacher; Joe Marraud, MWSU adjunct English instructor; Lisa Miller, Savannah middle school language arts teacher; Helen Penrod, West Platte high school language arts teacher; Janet Smith, Crest Ridge middle/high school librarian; Rae Lynn Stroud, grade four teacher, St. Joseph Hall elementary school; Whitney Zanter, Lathrop high school language arts teacher.</p> <p>The group used <a href="http://plwpsi10.ning.com/">http://plwpsi10.ning.com/</a> for the ISI closed NING.</p>	<p><b>Follow-ups</b> with 2011 TCs continue; See <a href="http://www.missouriwestern.edu/plwp/tcs/si09.html">http://www.missouriwestern.edu/plwp/tcs/si09.html</a> for SI information, pictures from Su 2011, etc. and dates for this summer’s ISI. In September, Jane Frick, Tom Pankiewicz, Kyla Ward, Mary Lee Meyer, and/or Christie Leigan made school visits to elementary and secondary ISI participants, where they presented NWP certification certificates to teachers.</p> <p>We are continuing with more online and web-based endeavors during 2012 in our move toward a paperless institute. Demos will again be inquiry-based. Tom, Christie, and Kyla are onboard again as directors and co-directors, respectively.</p>
<p><b>Complete for 2011</b></p> <p><b>2012 contest is “in process.”</b></p>	<p>Jane Frick, MO coordinator;</p> <p>Amanda Moyers, MO associate coordinator;</p> <p>Rachel Stancliff contest submissions coordinator and web editor;</p> <p>Rebecca Dierking, <i>Missouri Youth Write</i> editor</p>	<p><b>Continuity: Missouri Scholastic Writing Region</b> for the Scholastic Writing Awards Contest</p> <p>State winning entries were published in June in the 2011 <a href="http://www.missouriwestern.edu/mowriting/winners/myw11.pdf">Missouri Youth Write</a> <a href="http://www.missouriwestern.edu/mowriting/winners/myw11.pdf">http://www.missouriwestern.edu/mowriting/winners/myw11.pdf</a>. Kudos to PLWP TCs <b>Heidi Mick, Amanda Moyers, Brandon Haskey, Lori Burns, Leann Romer, Sara Capra, Janet Jelavich, and Tyler Carlson</b> whose students winners.</p> <p>In August/September, we distributed 2500 packets with posters and postcards announcing the 2012 contest throughout Missouri and the Kansas City, KS, area.</p> <p>In November, TCs <b>Amanda Moyers, Lori Burns, Katie Girard, Debbie Schwebach, and Tom Pankiewicz</b> helped lead response groups for students participating in our “Going for the Gold” writing workshops and pizza parties held at Missouri Western. Each workshop</p>	<p>The 2012 contest deadline closed on January 11: 477 students uploaded 704 contest entries, representing schools from throughout the state and Kansas City, KS (182 teachers). Thirteen MWSU faculty will complete first-round online judging by 1/23. Winners (Gold Key, Silver Key, Honorable Mention) will be selected from top-scoring pieces on 1/28 at the University of Missouri – Columbia, with Amy Lannin, MWPN director, coordinating.</p> <p>Winning students and their teachers and parents will receive awards and be honored at a reception at the annual Write to Learn Conference on Friday, March 2. (Jane Frick and Amanda Moyers will help coordinate with Amy Lannin.) D. J. MacHale, author of the <i>Pendragon</i> series will be the keynote speaker.</p>

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		was conducted by a MWSU writing faculty member (Bill Church, Michael Charlton, or Rosetta Ballew-Jennings) followed by time for students to critique their 2012 contest entries.	Rebecca Dierking is onboard again to edit <i>Missouri Youth Write 2012</i> , which will be published online by June 1, and will feature the state's winning contest entries. (See <a href="http://www.missouriwestern.edu/mowriting">www.missouriwestern.edu/mowriting</a> .)
<b>Complete – Monday, October 17, and Wednesday, October 19</b>	John Minnick, hosted	<b>Continuity: Poets Laureate, National Day on Writing, When Writing Teachers Write IX:</b> We collaborated with the Verses and Voices festival and sponsored David Clewell and Walter Bargaen, Missouri's Poets Laureate in a reading and workshop for 20 area teachers and students. We also held our annual "When Writing Teachers Write Forum X" at Western with 30 teachers and students in attendance. PLWP TCs who read included Kyla Ward, Stephanie Hartley, Lisa Miller, Katie Girard, Janet Smith, Tom Pankiewicz, Brandon Haskey, Joe Marmaud, Jackie Clark, Amanda Moyers, and John Minnick.	
<b>2012 Underway</b>	Mark Henderson, chair, with Tom Pankiewicz, and Jane Frick and SNCTE officers	<b>Continuity: High School Writing Day:</b> Registration fees and an \$850 grant from the MWSU Foundation fund this annual event, co-sponsored by the EFLJ Department and Western's SNCTE Club. See <a href="http://www.missouriwestern.edu/plwp/hswd11">http://www.missouriwestern.edu/plwp/hswd11</a> for 2011 program, pictures, and videos.	Based on school enrollments, we have invited PLWP TCs at area high schools to send five – 30 of their talented juniors and seniors to Western on March 8 for our "Writing Road Trip" HSWD. So far, 11 schools have committed to attending; Mark Henderson chairs this year's event; PLWP TCs and MWSU English faculty will lead workshops.
<b>2011 Complete &amp; 2012 Scheduled</b>	Rebecca Dierking, retreat coordinator; Amanda Moyers, assistant retreat Coordinator, Mary Lee Meyer, local host.	<b>Continuity: Professional Writing Retreat:</b> We held our ninth annual retreat at Conception Abbey – Conception, MO, June 10-12, 2011; 24 TCs from throughout the state, including 12 from Prairie Lands, participated. As in prior years, Rebecca Dierking facilitated the retreat, and Britton Gildersleeve, OSU Writing Project director, returned as retreat editor. See pictures at <a href="https://picasaweb.google.com/prairielands/WritingRetreat2011#">https://picasaweb.google.com/prairielands/WritingRetreat2011#</a>	Tenth annual retreat is scheduled for June 6 -8, 2012 at Conception Abbey, with Amanda Moyers as retreat coordinator and Britton Gildersleeve on board as retreat editor.

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<b>Partially Complete</b>	Dawn Terrick,	<b>Continuity: Writing Groups:</b> One PLWP closed writing group continues to meet monthly in the PLWP Conference Room.	<b>Discussion/Action Needed:</b> What role/focus should PLWP have in establishing and nourishing writing groups? Many of our summer ISI members expressed an interest in keeping their writing groups meeting, but, they seemed to have 'petered' out.
<b>Partially Complete</b>	Mary Lee Meyer, WIKI & Picassa Web photos; Valorie Stokes, web and NWP Connect liaison; Jane Frick, listserv/web; Rachel Stancliff, web development – Drupal conversion,	<b>Continuity: Communication</b>  See <a href="http://plwp.wetpaint.com/?t=anon">http://plwp.wetpaint.com/?t=anon</a> for our site wiki. See <a href="http://www.missouriwestern.edu/plwp">www.missouriwestern.edu/plwp</a> for our website. All of our TCs are joined to <a href="mailto:plwp@list.missouriwestern.edu">plwp@list.missouriwestern.edu</a> , closed listserv. We also have established a Facebook presence, and Jane Frick has begun a PLWP blog at <a href="http://www.plwpblog.blogspot.com/">http://www.plwpblog.blogspot.com/</a>	Following focus group meetings and consultation with the director and other key stakeholders, Rachel Stancliff has undertaken a reorganization, design update, and conversion of the PLWP website to Drupal. Plans are to have the conversion complete before Jane Frick retires in May.  One goal is to make our online resources from previous institutes and projects (TechKnowFiles, Place-based Writing ( <a href="http://www.missouriwestern.edu/plwp/digi/">http://www.missouriwestern.edu/plwp/digi/</a> ), Through the Looking Glass, etc.) more visible and accessible than at present.
<b>Ongoing</b>	Jane Frick, PLWP graduate coordinator; Tom Pankiewicz, Cindy Heider, Betty Sawin, and Melody Smith, PLWP Graduate Certificate admissions committee.	<b>In-service: Open Institutes and Graduate Courses/Programs.</b> Western allows us to offer graduate credits for our open and advanced institutes to area teachers at the reduced tuition rate of \$75 a credit hour. Our fall 2011 and spring 2012 PLWP sponsored-institutes/courses included: EDU 501 or ENG 501 Topics in Teaching Writing: Teaching the Analysis Essay ONLINE course – Kelly Lock, facilitator/teacher – 8 enrollments fall and 7 enrollments spring; ENG 503 Literature for Children – Mike Cadden, teacher – one enrollment; ENG 500 Literature for Adolescents – Make Cadden, teacher – 3 enrollments; EDU/ENG 567 Grammar and the Teaching of Grammar – Jane Frick, teacher – 7 enrollments; EDU/ENG 512 Teaching Writing with Technology – Jane Frick, teacher – 14 enrollments.	We continue to follow our PLWP Graduate Course Policy in developing, approving and scheduling our open and advanced institutes with accompanying graduate credits.  We will begin publicizing summer and fall 2012 offerings in March.  We have seven enrolled TCs this spring working on their Graduate Certificate; three TCs are also enrolled and pursuing the the MAS in Assessment: Writing Option.

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<b>Complete</b>	Leadership Team: Michele Irby, Kyla Ward, Maryl Lee Meyer, and Jane Frick	<b>In-service: Making and Technical Writing” project</b> – sponsored by MWPN. Michele, Kyla, Mary Lee, and Jane helped delivered the two-day, state-wide conference with 85 participants, including four CTE teachers from Hillyard’s Technical Center, September 15-16 at Missouri State. On November 12, we held our PLWP follow-up “Making and Technical Writing Conference” at Missouri Western. Thirty-three of the 43 teachers who registered for the Saturday workshop actually showed up. It was a GREAT day for those who came. <b>Kaye Adkins</b> provided the keynote. <b>Tyler Carlson</b> came on board as a Maker with Kyla, Michele, and Mary Lee, and our four Hillyard’s CTE teachers helped plan our local event and deliver it.	See video showcasing the day at <a href="https://streaming.missouriwestern.edu/PLWP/Nov11Seminar.wmv">https://streaming.missouriwestern.edu/PLWP/Nov11Seminar.wmv</a>  See photos at <a href="https://picasaweb.google.com/prairielands/MakingAndTechnicalWritingInTheClassroom#">https://picasaweb.google.com/prairielands/MakingAndTechnicalWritingInTheClassroom#</a>
<b>Underway</b>	Heidi Mick, program coordinator and facilitator; Kathy Miller, facilitator; Jane Frick, fiscal coordinator	<b>In-service: Partnership with Excelsior Springs Middle School:</b> 2010-2011 was the fourth year of our partnership with Excelsior Springs Middle School, as a part of our NWP National Evaluation study. This year, the school contracted with us for two days of in-service with the language arts teachers at the school, the first session was held in August before school started.	Heidi and Kathy will be conducting an inservice with the teacher cadre at Excelsior Middle School (Common Core and Non fiction writing) on January 31. Heidi and Jane with represent PLWP at the NWP spring meeting in Washington, D. C., to receive updates about the outcome of the National Evaluation study.
<b>Complete</b>	Tom Pankiewicz	<b>Open Institute Book Study: Tom Pankiewicz facilitated <i>The Other Wes Moore</i> book study during October</b> (15 hours – online postings + beginning and ending real-time meetings, with 14 participants: TCs <b>Amanda Moyers, Kyla Ward, Bethann Reinert, Sara Capra, Deb Schwebach, Michelle O’Connor, Janis Pargas, Tia Frahm, Janet Smith, Lisa Miller, Dawn Terrick, Joe Marmaud, Stephanie Hartley,</b> and MWSU ENG 100 teacher Stancy Bond.	
<b>Ongoing</b>	Heidi Mick, professional development coordinator; Jane Frick, director, can	<b>School-based Inservices</b> We have the capacity to provide school-based in-services related to improving writing and reading teaching, grades k – 12, in all content areas.  <b>Christie Leigan and Terri McAvoy</b> have successfully completed half of a year-long “Writer’s Workshop:Motivation and Author’s Craft”	Kudos to Terri and Christie and the PLWP TCs facilitating with them at Edison. Two of the Edison teachers have applied for the 2012 ISI.

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	arrange for in-services	inservice for all of the teachers at Edison Elementary School, with elementary PLWP TCs assisting in part of the delivery. The work includes three two-hour sessions, one half-day session, and a full-day workshop, plus an after-school book study, and twelve, day-long coaching sessions. (\$15,850 in revenues for PLWP).	
<b>2011 Complete</b> 87 elementary and 14 middle school campers signed up for the 2011 camps.	2011 Elementary Camp Director: Ann Dotson; Elementary teachers: Misty Burrigh, Jerri Fischer, Tia Frahm, and Mya Mikkelsen, teachers; Middle School: Josie Clark, teacher.	<b>Youth and Community: Summer Writing Camps</b> The 2011 “Rockin’ Riders” elementary and “Where Writing Hides” middle school camps met for four hours a day, four days a week (Monday – Thursday), for four weeks in late May and early June on the MWSU campus. The camps, co-sponsored by the St. Joseph School District (paid teachers’ salaries + \$3000 cash support), brought talented writers to Western where they worked with master teachers in honing their reading/writing abilities. See <a href="http://www.missouriwestern.edu/plwp/youth/index.html">http://www.missouriwestern.edu/plwp/youth/index.html</a> for feature story, pictures, and middle school camp anthology.	St. Joseph School District will co-sponsor camps again in 2012 and TCs from last year are onboard again as teachers/directors. Contact Christie Leigan, program coordinator for more information; elementary camp theme is set; dates for distribution of flyers and applications and camp dates are confirmed and listed on the PLWP Deadlines and Dates Calendar.
<b>Ongoing</b>	PLWP members with leadership roles: Tom Pankiewicz, Jane Frick, Kyla Ward, Tyler Carlson, Michele Irby, Lynn Tushaus, Heidi Mick, Mary Lee Meyer, Amanda Moyers, Josie Clark	<b>MWPN Sponsored Programs: Annual Leadership Retreat, Making and Technical Writing Conference, Video Production Project, Write to Learn, etc.</b> Tom and Jane are part of the MWPN directors’ cohort involved in planning state-wide programs with other writing project directors in Missouri. Josie, Kyla, Lori Burns, Lynn, Heidi, Jane, Tom, and Amanda participated in the 2011 MWPN Leadership Retreat held in August at Missouri State University.  <b>Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Funds.</b> DESE has contracted with the Missouri Writing Projects Network and with Prairie Lands to deliver programs throughout the state, July 1 – June 30, 2012.. The contract requires that we 1. Focus on common core, informational writing, especially in content areas in the Invitational Institute 2. Offer a nine-day (or equivalent) Writing Through the Grades PD series, targeting career education educators (Our Vital Work PLC)	<b>Partially Complete: Place-based video lessons</b> (part of the DESE contract requirements for this year). Thanks to <b>Tyler Carlson</b> and <b>Kyla Ward</b> and their students for allowing us to video their place-based writing lessons in their classrooms in November. They have compiled the lesson plan handouts and student exemplars from their projects. Each MWPN site is also developing video-based lessons. We will review the video footage and lessons from all five sites in February, and send them to a video production editor for formatting and development in March. The lessons should go live on the DESE website by June 1. Heidi Mick, Jane Frick, and Mary Lee Meyer are the PLWP team members with Kyla and Tyler on this statewide project.

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		3. Complete of a video about Place-Based Writing and development of an online component for the video 4. Complete a Making and Technical Writing Project (See above.)	
<b>Underway</b>	Lynn Tushaus, Michele Irby, facilitators; and Valorie Stokes, Mentor, with Jane Frick coordinating logistics – registrations, etc.	<b>MWPN:</b> As a part of our DESE contract this year, we are delivering an open-institute for career and technical education (CTE) and content area teachers this spring. Twenty two teachers from the Northland Career Center, Northwest Career Center, Maryville Middle and High Schools, Winston R-V Schools and St. Joseph Central High School are participating in the professional learning community facilitated by Lynn and Michele. Teachers in the PLC are receiving three graduate or undergraduate credits.	The “Vital Work: Literacy Practices in Your Career and Technical Education (CTE) or Content Area Classroom” PLC began with a weekend launch on 1/20-21 at Missouri Western. Participants are meeting online weekly through a closed NING, with follow-up real-time sessions at Missouri Western in February, March, and April.
<b>Ongoing</b>	Tom Pankiewicz Kelly Lock, Meredith Katchen	<b>NWP/MWPN Sponsored Programs: Teacher Inquiry Communities: Engaging Teachers in Conversation and Inquiry</b> This project was launched and initially funded by a \$4000 NWP TIC mini-grant during 2008-2009. The goal of the project is to create a cross-institutional conversation on the teaching of academic writing and establish an on-going inquiry community at Prairie Lands.	This year, we have launched a “Meeting of the Minds” project, bringing high school and college composition teachers together for inquiry and collaboration. A group of nine teachers met at Western last fall.
<b>Underway</b>	PLWP Leadership Team and Jane Frick	<b>Transition:</b> Jane Frick, site director, has announced her retirement from Prairie Lands and MWSU, effective June 1, 2012. She and members of the leadership team are working this year to make their roles and responsibilities transparent to ensure a smooth transition when the new director is hired.	Prairie Lands is sponsoring receptions for leadership team members to meet with the finalists for Jane’s replacement when they are on-campus for job interviews in January/February.