

Stephen King's On Writing: A Teacher's Guide

Before using the Pod cast in your classroom you're going to want to get a copy of King's book and at least skim through it. It is very entertaining and enjoyable so you shouldn't feel like this is "homework"...just read it leisurely!

King sets his book up in different sections:

- First is the *Memoir*: This section is very entertaining and can help you get to know King; use this section to relate King and his experience to your students.
- Next is his *toolbox*: This section is probably going to be the most useful in the classroom...many of the answers from the questions on the pod cast have come directly from this section as well as the next section.
- Finally is his *advice to writers*: This section is loaded with advice students can use.

Guide to the Pod Cast

-Prepare your students by talking about Stephen King as an author...talk about his struggles and his accomplishments. Make him seem human to the students so they can relate to his experiences.

-The Pod Cast is set up with a student asking real questions about things she has struggled with while writing. We attempt to answer her questions citing specific things Stephen King does when he writes. Play one question at a time and have the students either use journals or blogs to respond to each question as well.

-There is one activity during the Pod Cast for you class to do. All it requires is that each student has a general reading book.

Enjoy! ☺