

CALL FOR PAPERS: 2012 MINNESOTA ENGLISH JOURNAL

Please consider submitting an academic article, a brief teaching tip, a letter to the editor, a hypertext, a multimedia presentation, or a creative work (such as a poem, short fiction, or play) for the next issue of *Minnesota English Journal*. We have no required number of pages or words for our submissions, but if you cite academic sources in your work, please do so according to *MLA Handbook for Writers for Research Papers*, 7th edition. Please also keep in mind that we are a peer-reviewed journal with an editorial board. Our acceptance rate is approximately 50-60%; therefore, we cannot accept all submissions. Most importantly, before you submit to *MEJ*, keep in mind that *MEJ*'s audience primarily consists of teachers from the elementary to the college level who want to learn more about effective teaching techniques.

The theme of the upcoming MCTE 2011 Spring Conference in Brainerd, MN is "Literacy at the Lake." This theme may also tie to our upcoming *MEJ* issue. For example, you may wish to consider submissions that explore the following themes, topics, or ideas involving "literacy" at the K-college level:

- What is literacy? How has its definition changed over time?
- The relationship between literacy and power.
- Race/class/gender/sexual orientation issues and literacy.
- Standardized testing as a means of gauging literacy ability.
- Digital/online/hybrid literacies and composition classrooms.
- Social networking/texting as literate practices in everyday student lives.
- Global/cross-cultural literacies.
- The relationship between "literature" and "literacy."
- Literacy and community activism.
- Graphic novels as visual literacies.
- The writing center/lab as a place for literacy development.

The idea of practicing "literacy" at a "lake" may even suggest the following topics:

- Nature as a visual text.
- The relationship between literacy and peace/tranquility.
- The idea of the "lake" as a retreat for writers.
- Literary moments on/at "the lake."

DUE DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR 2012 ISSUE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2011. (The 2012 issue should come out by mid-February 2012.) Authors should be informed of the status of their submissions by October 15, 2011. If you have questions, comments, or concerns about the next issue of *MEJ*, please contact the current *MEJ* Editor, Brian Lewis, at brian.lewis@century.edu.