

Call for Manuscripts
GCTE *Connections*
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Connections is the peer-reviewed journal of the Georgia Council of Teachers of English. *Connections* publishes original contributions on English-Language Arts learning, teaching, and research, focusing on issues concerning students in elementary, middle-level, high school, and college classrooms. The journal offers educators innovative and practical ideas for classroom use that are rooted in current research as a practical guide to best practices in schools. Please address any questions to *Connections* editor Dr. Rebecca G. Harper (rharper7@augusta.edu).

This edition of the GCTE *Connections* journal invites educators to share ways in which they are utilizing literature and writing to transform instruction and empower students, both in face-to-face and digital environments. We ask that manuscripts received for this issue address and consider the following:

How can writing and literature initiate and propel social justice movements?

In what ways are educators utilizing literature to evoke conversations of inequities, justice, and systemic racism?

How can literature used in multiple platforms (digital/hybrid/face-to-face) motivate and empower students through discussion and writing engagements?

In what ways are classroom teachers using literacy engagements for social and civic responsibility?

How can literature and writing create safe spaces for sensitive topics and difficult conversations?

How are educators responding to book bans and curriculum challenges?

Submission Guidelines

Manuscripts should offer specific classroom practices that are grounded in research.

Manuscripts should be 2,000-3,000 words double-spaced with 1-inch margins in 12-point Times New Roman font, prepared according to the citation style specified in the APA Handbook, current edition.

Any images (i.e., photos, visuals, charts, student work, etc.) must be black and white or grayscale in high-resolution (300 dpi) files (tif, jpg, or pdf).

For student work or photographs of students, please include appropriate Student Consent-to-Publish form(s) completed and signed by the student and the student's parent/guardian.

Authors are responsible for any excerpts from previously published sources requiring a reprint fee.

To ensure impartial review, information that identifies the author should not appear in the manuscript. A cover page, submitted as a separate document, should contain

- the title of the submission

- an abstract or overview of the article and word count

- the author's name, email, address, and phone number

- the author's teaching grade level and affiliation

- the author's 2-3 sentence biographical information

Submissions should be emailed as Word document attachments to rharper7@augusta.edu

Review Process

Manuscripts undergo blind review by at least two members of the *Connections* Editorial Review Board. Decisions will usually be made within three months. Revisions may be required for acceptance.

Manuscripts that do not follow the Submission Guidelines will not be accepted for review.