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## **Using Interactive Storytelling in the Classroom**

*Presenter, Dr. Erik Jacobson*

*Platform: Google Meet*

*Tuesday, February 15, 2021, 11 am - 12:30 pm*

### **Presenter's biography:**

Dr. Erik Jacobson is an Associate Professor in the Early Childhood, Elementary, and Literacy Education Department at Montclair State University.

Dr. Jacobson, who received degrees from Harvard University, is a leader and strong advocate in the field of adult literacy. Professional affiliations include The Literacy Research Association and New Jersey Association for Lifelong Learning to name only a couple.

Dr. Jacobson is one of New Jersey's leading authorities on adult literacy and the author and lead investigator of the state report, "Investing in New Jersey's Adult Literacy."

Encouraging students to increase their word power is one of Dr. Jacobson's passions. He is Program Coordinator, Write on Sports, a summer camp and afterschool program in which students develop their skills by meeting and interviewing professional athletes and sports journalists.

### **Workshop description:**

This Workshop will provide an example of how a story written and shared in weekly installments can be used as the basis for a number of classroom activities, including dictations, vocabulary development and class discussions. Each chapter of the story ends with key questions unanswered, and students' suggestions about what might happen next are used by the teacher to draft the subsequent installment. Examples of how this can be done online will be provided, including the teacher recording and sharing audio files.

