



The Georgia Teachers of the Year Association will sponsor the following activities at the conference on November 11-12, 2016:

### **“Promising Practices”**

Each System Teacher of the Year will share one successful practice used in his or her classroom. This opportunity to learn from others at your grade level (elementary, middle, or high school) has always been a highlight of the conference!

Please complete the attached form and email to Marc Pedersen, GOTY President-Elect, by **October 29, 2016**. His address is [MPedersen@paulding.k12.ga.us](mailto:MPedersen@paulding.k12.ga.us), and he will make certain that all practices are available for future use by honored teachers.

Please be aware that:

- AV will be available for your presentation. You are not required to use it, however.
- You will verbally share your practice during a 6 to 10 minute presentation.
- You may bring hand-outs if you like. Probably 30 copies will be adequate.

### **Gale Samuels Award**

These financial awards (typically about \$300 each) are given in honor of Georgia Teachers of the Year Association’s first Georgia Department of Education Liaison, who died of leukemia in 1998. During the November 11-12 conference, participants will hear from our most recent grant winners.

**Applications for the 2016-2017 awards will be distributed at that time.**

### **Judy B. Floyd Space Camp Award**

Funds will be provided by the GTOY Association for one System Teacher of the Year to attend Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama during July 2017. This award is in memory of Judy B. Floyd, another outstanding GDOE Liaison. During the upcoming conference, the most current recipient will share experiences from that exciting week.

**Applications for this grant will be distributed during the November 11-12, 2016 conference.**



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**E-mail to** MPedersen@paulding.k12.ga.us **no later than** **October 29, 2016**

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### **“Promising Practices Classroom Activity”**

Title of Activity: "We Are Published Writers "

Recommended to use with this number of students: Whole class (30)

Content Area: Social Studies and Writing Grade Level(s): 4th

Match to Georgia Standard(s): RI 4.3, RI 4.9, W 4.2, W 4.3, W 4.7

**Note:** Use the remainder of this page and up to one additional page for describing the activity.

Students begin this activity by studying the causes of the Revolutionary War and the battles that occurred during the war. They will research one of the events in depth. After facts have been gathered, students are to use their imaginations to create a piece of historical fiction placing themselves back in the time of the event they researched. To add to the excitement of writing, the entire process will take place using technology as a Google Classroom assignment. Each step of the writing process will take place in Google Classroom where both the teacher as well as peers can collaborate and edit to form a piece each child can be proud of. When all of the narratives are complete, they will be sent to a publishing company to be published into a hardbound keepsake book. Examples of the finished product will be shared as well as samples from Google Classroom.