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WTL PODCAST EPISODE TO COME OUT...



Preview of the next episode

EPISODE 56: COMPREHENSIBILITY, CULTURE, AND FREEDOM
WITH MARTINA BEX

Do you know Martina Bex from the Comprehensible Classroom blog? I know many teachers follow her work. In fact, I was at a conference this past spring and happened to overhear two teachers talking at a table near me. One asked the other if she read any language teacher blogs, and the second teacher said, "I'm obsessed with Martina Bex!"

Since I assign some of Martina's blog posts to my Methods students and knew I would be interviewing her for the podcast, I was pretty excited to overhear that! This Friday, we'll learn from Martina about how to write comprehensible non-fiction texts about any topic we want to share with our students.

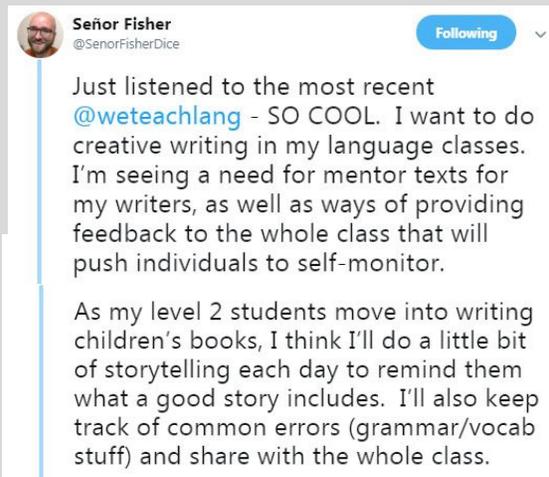


**RESPONSE TO EPISODE 55:
DESIGNING L2 ASSIGNMENTS
AND PROVIDING CORRECTIVE
FEEDBACK WITH
DR. HEATHER WILLIS ALLEN**



This week's episode reaction is from Ben Fisher (@SenorFisherDice on Twitter), a middle school Spanish teacher from Washington state.

The ideas about writing shared in this episode have really helped me reflect on how I have (and haven't) been teaching writing. We are not too far away from our ELA colleagues: students need mentor texts and time to reflect on their processes. I'm glad to know specific error feedback isn't helpful because goodness knows we don't have the time. Now, I can use what time I DO have to find exemplary texts to provide valuable input to my students, and hopefully inspire their writing endeavors in their L2!

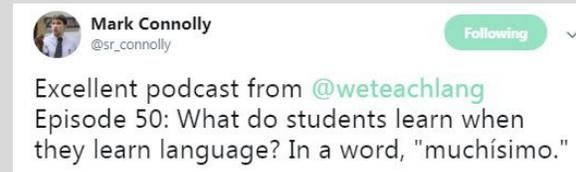


Resource Corner

Martina Bex (episode 56) and Maris Hawkins (episode 31) are collaborating next year to write the publication *El Mundo en tus Manos*. Important and interesting news stories in simplified Spanish to help you discuss current events in your class!



Reactions to past episodes:



Updates from Past Guests & Contributors



Sara-Elizabeth Cottrell (episode 53) discusses the "year of the podcast." In her post, she talks about We Teach Languages and other language podcasts that have started this year. She also includes other podcasts that may interest teachers.



Lisa Shepard (episode 14) is retiring this year from teaching after 29 years. She has started a new consulting business called Shepard World Language Consulting, LLC. We wish her the best with her newest adventure!