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# MIDWEEK NEWS

WHILE YOU'RE WAITING FOR THE NEXT  
WTL PODCAST EPISODE TO COME OUT...

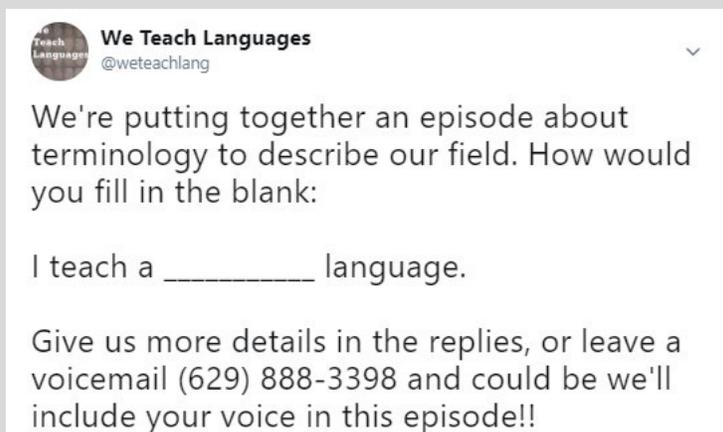


## Preview of the Next Episode

EPISODE 107: WE TEACH \_\_\_\_\_ LANGUAGES

Do you teach in a world languages department? Or possibly a foreign or second language department? Do you teach modern language or classical language? Does your school offer any community or heritage languages? Have you ever wondered why certain terms are preferable in some circumstances or why some terms fall out of favor all together?

This Friday's episode includes contributions from many people including from over 500 Twitter users who took our online poll last week. Click on the tweet below to see the poll and some of the dozens of responses listeners contributed.



## RECAP OF EPISODE 106: PRIORITIZING AND INTERPRETING TEXTS WITH VIRGINIA SCOTT



If someone were to walk into your classroom and observe how your students interact with the language, what would they say is the focus of your curriculum? For Dr. Virginia Scott, the focus is texts. In literature-based programs like the one where Virginia teaches, that often means canonical literary texts. However, Virginia takes a more expansive view of what texts are and how students can and should interact with those texts.

Listen and then let us know how texts play a role in YOUR classroom. Leave a comment on the episode web page or on social media. We'd love to hear from you!



### REACTIONS TO PAST EPISODES:

 **Joint National Committee for Language Learning**  
@JNCLInfo Following

Replying to @weteachlang @LeadWLanguages and 3 others

Advocacy: we need passion, empathy, commitment, and action. And, #ASL is a language! @WASLI\_tweets @ASLtweeta @NationalASLTA

 **Sara-E. Cottrell**  
@SECottrell Following

Shout-out to @weteachlang because since I volunteer in a program teaching #ESL to refugees & other newcomers and 2 of our volunteers are also ASL interpreters I ATE UP episodes 104 & 105 #goodstuff #podcastgold #TESOL #EAL #langchat

 **Anna Ogunnaike**  
@Anna\_Ogunnaike Following

Replying to @weteachlang

Virginia Scott's Book Doubletalk is an excellent read and this interview fascinating for post-secondary WL instructors!

 **Inga Paterson-Zúñiga**  
@IngalaG2 Following

Replying to @weteachlang @MandyRheaWrites @AndersenNJOY18

If you haven't had a chance to hear part 1, make sure you do because the entire interview is extremely inspiring!

## Updates from Contributors



Steve Smith (episode 58) recently wrote a four-part series on his blog discussing how to lighten your work load. In the series, he gives examples of activities that provide routine and also variety for your students.



The International Forum on Language Teaching (IFLT) conference will be held July 15-18 in St. Petersburg, FL. Many past contributors to WTL will be presenting including: Martina Bex (episode 56), Diane Neubauer (episode 91), Kelly Ferguson (episode 80), Justin Slocum Bailey (episode 26), Paul Sandrock (episode 23), and Ryan Rockaitis (episode 98).