

## Wouldn't it be terrific...

if you could capture the excitement and enthusiasm of an author's school visit and incorporate it into your classroom work?

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## Authors on Call videoconferencing group of iNK Think Tank

The love of learning, inherent in every human being, is stimulated and nurtured by great educators. Nonfiction authors also have this passion for learning and it is contagious. The mission of iNK Think Tank is to reignite the passion for learning in teachers and students. Here's how authors can help:

- \* Authors generate motivation and excitement at in-person school visits. But the residual effects of one exciting day in a school year are transient. The authors of Authors on Call know how to bring this excitement to daily classroom instruction. When students are inspired and motivated, they do the work needed to learn.
- \* These top authors model the habits of mind of scientists, historians and mathematicians. They know how to sift through enormous amounts of information, ask big questions that produce a conceptual framework, and organize facts meaningfully and memorably into the framework in the process of creating a book. It takes a skilled writer to make passion infectious to the reader. And when an author unpacks his/her process, the student cannot help but learn content and craft.
- \* Authors on Call can become part of a teacher's personal learning network. Teachers want new ideas that they can put into practice immediately. We have evidence that when authors and teachers collaborate, novel and engaging practices emerge that involve students in both literacy and content. Professional development has never been so powerful.

It has been our experience that close reading of one book in collaboration with the author or the use of an author as a mentor for researching and writing produces an extraordinary and transformative classroom experience.



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