

Annie's Author Talks will help your school meet its required California State Educational Standards for English, Language-arts, and History. Annie's talks cover all of the following topics, and can be tailored to emphasize two or three of them depending on your school's current focus:

- Tips for creative writing, and for capturing creativity —What is a good story and what makes an interesting character ?
- Thinking about reading and writing! Fun reading and writing strategies for comprehension and fluency.
- Three important questions for a writer. Who is my audience? What is my purpose? Do I care?
- Favorite children's authors and what makes their writing outstanding
- The writing process: **BWRR Brainstorm, Write, Rewrite, Read** aloud
- How to write a book and not give up! A brief overview of my personal story in working my way through college at UC Berkeley, and living my dream of becoming a teacher and published author.
- History is not boring and discovering why!
- What is research? It can be fun!
- Why a hero is a *Character Champion* !
- Excerpts from *Heroical Storicals*
- Question and answer time

Students in grades K-6 enjoy hearing Annie's Author talk. Students are very excited about an author visiting their school and being given the opportunity to buy a signed copy of their book. Reading the book will reinforce and extend the learning students gain during Annie's talk. To encourage strong book sales, for their help, when a very achievable minimum of 100 or more books are purchased on or before the day of her visit. Books are affordable at \$10.00 plus tax. Annie will also have a drawing for free books, tee shirts and posters to give away at the end of her assembly. Annie's speaking fee is \$450 for assemblies. Fees include travel, speaking for up to three forty-five minute talks, and book signing time. As an additional incentive for booking early, Annie will donate 3 signed copies of her book to your school's library for all assemblies held in the next 30 days.