

## DP Todd Senior Secondary School Workshop- December 10, 2009

Students at D.P. Todd responded enthusiastically to a visit by award winning author, Ed Zaruk. A total of five classes, three grade eleven and two grade eight, combined for three presentations of Ed's workshop, *From First Draft to Polished Print*.

Three main points were covered: Point of View, Active vs Passive voice, and Show Don't Tell.



Presentation in the school library at D.P. Todd SS

This last section broke down into five categories:

- Action verbs/sentence structure
- Let the reader use his imagination
- Use specific detail
- Move the action with dialogue
- Getting into your character's head

Following the presentation, students broke into groups to make application of the material in a fiction story assignment. It was evident that the most popular point of the presentation was the section on introductions.

As the author moved from group to group, he was able to help many students with revisions to the beginning of their story.



Author looking over papers with a group of Grade 11 students

For additional information about how this workshop fit the school curriculum, please contact either Allison Stevenson, or Sandra Jandric at D.P. Todd Secondary School (SD #57 - Prince George ). Ph. 250 562 9525

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