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## Think About It Thursday

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### Think About It Thursday - November 2013

For Upper Elementary, Middle School, High School, educators and more

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*It's National Novel Writing Month!*

*How many words can you write in your novel in 1 month?*

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Your host for this month's **Connected Voices Think About IT Thursday** is

Ms. Joyce Babbitt from Brown's River Middle School

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Ms. Babbitt would like to encourage you to sign up for National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) and use this fantastic opportunity to collaborate with writers from Vermont (and around the globe) in setting a novel writing goal. How many words can you write in the month of November?

Let's count how many Vermont NaNo participants we have in Vermont and tally our final word count!

Share your NaNo username in the following form if you are a Vermont participant

<http://goo.gl/kYCK2Z>

We'll invite you to be our NaNo buddy and joining our Connected Voices NaNo space.

<http://ywp.nanowrimo.org/node/1582451>

Ms. Babbitt offers the suggestions below to help you get started, and also extends an invitation to you to NOT only WRITE this month but to connect with another group of Vermont students about writing this month. Use Skype? LNV? or the tools within the National Novel Writing Months website (Forums, Buddies)

Please contact her at [joyce.babbitt@cesuvt.org](mailto:joyce.babbitt@cesuvt.org)

#### How do I officially sign up for National Novel Writing Month?

Go to: <http://ywp.nanowrimo.org/user/register>

Add your UserName to this Think About Thursday Google Form so we can easily count the number of words from Vermont's Young Writers <http://goo.gl/kYCK2Z>

#### How do I set my word-count goal?

You select a challenging, but reachable goal. For some young writers, 10,000 words in a month works, but some may go higher or lower based on their after-school schedule and previous NaNoWriMo experience.

**How do I prepare myself in writing a novel?**

Get ideas by reading books, talking with family and friends, and looking at the free NaNoWriMoworkbook <http://ywp.nanowrimo.org/workbooks>

**How do I find support?**

Get your teachers and parents to support you by giving you time and space to write.

Get your supportive friends to be a part of the fun.

Connect with other students participating in NaNo?

Create a NaNo event in your community to connect face to face with other NaNo writers.

Create a NaNo event to connect with other NaNo writers using virtual tools (such as Skype, LNV, or other digital tools)

Ms. Babbitt from Brown's River would love to do a quick "skype" connection with other NaNo classrooms. You can email her at [joyce.babbitt@cesvt.org](mailto:joyce.babbitt@cesvt.org) if you would like to connect with her students at Brown's River.

You can also reach out to another Vermont schools using the Search feature of NaNo.

We have set up a FORUM topic for Vermont educators to connect and chat <http://ywp.nanowrimo.org/node/1582532>

We have also set up a Classroom called Connected Voices of Vermont

We'd love to have your students enrolled in this classroom as well as yours as a way to keep a TALLY of Vermont student writers

You can find the Connected Voices of Vermont classroom here

<http://ywp.nanowrimo.org/node/1582451>

**When can I start?**

NOW! The official 2013 started November 1, but there are still plenty of days left in November for you to join?