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**Teaching Description and Voice in the Personal Narrative: Using Eudora Welty and a Bunch of  
Other Really Great Writers to Inspire 6<sup>th</sup> Graders**

Students will read a selection of passages from Eudora Welty's One Writer's Beginnings and "The Little Store," along with selections from Roald Dahl's Boy (the chapter on the candy store and the great mouse plot), Edwin Way Teale's Dune Boy, Sandra Cisneros' "Eleven," and Stephen King's first chapters in his book On Writing. They will focus on the authors' use of descriptive language, narrative voice, point of view, setting, and layering of details to write individual responses to each of the readings. The final product will be a 2-4 page typed personal narrative of their own that could expand their original free-writes.