



Writing in Role

Intermediate (Classes 7-10)

Foundation House / Elementary (Classes 5-7)



The Life of Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi (Pestalozzi Approach)

NB: This activity can be used to give participants the chance to practise a particular style of writing, for example writing for a newspaper, diary writing, report writing or letter writing.)

participants do a role-play or an extension role-play as described in the 'Role-Play' and 'Extension Role-Play Teaching Ideas.

Having been a character in a role-play of an episode from the biography of Pestalozzi: 'The Life of Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi' or from 'Section 2: Glimpses of Pestalozzi', or having been a character in an extension role-play, the participants write something as whatever character or role they played, about whichever episode they acted.

Materials Needed

The 'Role-Play' (and 'Extension Role-Play' Teaching ideas.

Examples are as follow:

- A diary entry by Pestalozzi or by the Czar following Pestalozzi's visit to Czar Alexander I
- A letter sent by Anna to a friend describing her life at the Neu Hof and Pestalozzi's work there
- A school report about Pestalozzi by one of his teachers
- A journalist's newspaper article about Pestalozzi's arrest and subsequent release

The participants should not only describe the main events of the chosen episode, but should also think carefully about how the character they acted in the role-play would have felt and, where appropriate, make these feelings clear in the piece of writing.

The participants read their pieces of writing to each other

