



Editing Director

Lisa Thomas

Lisa Thomas is the Editing Director at Schoolwide, Inc. Lisa began her career as a writer/editor at Texas Christian University. She was also the Assistant Editor of *Legacy: A Journal of American Women Writers*, published by the University of Nebraska Press. With all of her editing experience, Lisa held several positions at the University of California, San Diego; she was a Literature Research Assistant, Literature Reader, and instructor at the Muir College Writing Program and in the Literature department.

Because of her dedication to education, Lisa has been the recipient of several awards during her career. She was rewarded for academic excellence by Phi Beta Kappa and the Clark Society at Texas Christian University. Texas Christian University and the University of California both awarded Lisa with Department Fellowships for her academic work. Lisa has contributed to several professional books published by UMI/Proquest, Baylor University, and the University of Nebraska to name a few. As a scholar, Lisa has also presented professionally on a variety of topics on American literature, history, and rhetoric and is a member of several professional associations, including the American Literature Association, the Modern Language Association, and The Society for the Study of American Women Writers.

Lisa holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English with Spanish and Anthropology minors, a Master of Arts degree in English, and a Certificate in Women's Studies from Texas Christian University. She also holds a Ph.D. in Literature from the University of California, San Diego.

Being drawn to the passion that her own professors showed is what prompted Lisa to become a teacher. While attending college, she saw her instructors learning while they were contributing to other people's knowledge. What Lisa loved most about teaching was spending time with her students to talk about their work, their interests, and literature topics that made them excited. Hearing from her students about how much she impacted their lives with respect to their choices in education, their involvement in philanthropic organizations, and the initiation of their careers has been her most rewarding teaching experience. Knowing that students will learn critical thinking to guide them through their education and careers is one of the reasons why she loves working at Schoolwide. In her spare time, she enjoys being with family and friends, surrounding herself with dogs (especially her own rescue dog named Frankie), and escaping to nature in California.

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