



Writing as a Process

Improve Student Achievement By Integrating
the Writing Process into Your Curriculum

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[What is the Writing Process?]



Freewriting:

Please read the following passage and write your response to it. Your response may include questions you have, personal instances that relate to the topic, passages with which you agree or disagree, connections with other texts, or comparisons to other issues in society.

- “In the United States, ...educators increasingly view writing as one of the best ways to foster critical thinking and learning across the curriculum. The nonprofit organization Achieve worked with five states to define essential English skills for high school graduates and concluded that strong writing skills have become an increasingly important commodity in the 21st century.... The discipline and skill required to create, reshape, and polish pieces of writing ‘on-demand’ prepares students for the real world, where they inevitably must be able to write quickly and clearly, whether in the workplace or in college classrooms.”

–Doug Baldwin, “A Guide to Standardized Writing Assessment,” *Educational Leadership*, October 2004, vol. 62, number 2.

[Prewriting: Generating Ideas]

■ Clustering

- Follow random associations of the topic.
- Each example can lead to many more details.
- A cluster can fill the page with potential topics.

