

Stages of writing

1. Prewriting
2. Drafting
3. Revising
4. Editing/proof reading
5. Final draft

Prewriting (Preparing to write)

- Read, think, free-write in a journal format
- Identify purpose and audience
- Research, take notes, gather information
- Brainstorm with a peer group
- Organize thinking and plan

Drafting (Putting thoughts on paper)

- Focus on content
- Compose freely, without concern for mechanics

Revising (Taking another look)

- Maintain focus on content vs. mechanics
- Share draft with peer group
- Invite discussion, accept response and helpful input from peers
- Add to, delete from, rearrange and revise first draft

Editing/Proofreading

- Share revised draft with peer group
- Invite correction of grammar, spelling, punctuation, usage
- Incorporate corrections in final draft

Final draft

- Share the product with peer group (dramatizations, small group reports, individual oral presentations, etc.)
- Invite evaluation by peer group
- Submit for final evaluation by teacher

