

Power Writing Strategy

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Principles:

- It is easier to write from a question than a statement
- The faster you write, the better you write
- This gives you a way to break writing into small manageable chunks so it doesn't drag or feel overwhelming.

Steps:

- Take your main idea sentence or topic and turn it into a question.
- Visualize the answer to the question.
- Write 3 power words (nouns or verbs) that you "see" in your answer
- Write for 5 minutes following the rules.
- At the end of 5 minutes, edit, extend/clarify, and proof sentences.
- Proofread with COPS.

Capitalization

Overall Appearance

Punctuation

Spelling *check spelling from last word to first to take the words out of context

Rules:

- Start with 3 power words (nouns or verbs) about the topic
- Your first word in your first paragraph must be one of the 3 power words.
- The other 2 words must appear in the first paragraph.
- Write for 5 minutes without stopping. No editing, erasing, or going back. No stopping to think.