

WRITING Strategy → Quick-Write

Overview of the strategy

Quick-Write is a warm-up or prewriting activity that can be used to generate ideas.

Strategy procedure

1. Announce a topic about which the students will write, and allow a minute for students to think about it.
2. Explain to students that they will have one to two minutes to write down ideas about the topic. Instruct them to write in list or web form as much as they can about the topic, emphasizing that they should not refine their writing in any way, but simply jot down as many ideas as possible. Complete sentences are not necessary.
3. Have the students begin writing as you start a timer. Call time at the end of the time period.
4. Ask for volunteers to share what they have written.

Source

- Judy S. Richardson and Raymond F. Morgan, *Reading to Learn in the Content Areas*, 5th ed. (Stamford, Conn.: Wadsworth, 2002).