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Quick Writes

“Quickwrites”

- *Allows students to use free writing as they write (or for younger students they can draw) in response to reading material
- *Allows students to focus on exploring and developing ideas on paper

Description:

“Quickwrites,” is a procedure that allows students to use creative writing to reflect on what they learned, develop their ideas, reflect on any connections they may have between the text and their personal experiences and ramble freely on paper.

Targeted Reading Level:

1st – College Level

Major Focus:

Reading/Writing Connection and Comprehension

Procedure:

- * Choose a book or topic
- * Have students write for 5 to 10 min. on the material selected focusing on interesting ideas, making personal connections, and reflecting on what they have learned
- * Select small groups (3-5 depending on class size)
- * Have the students share their “Quickwrites” with their group
- * Have each small group select one student from the group to share the ideas, thoughts, and personal connections with rest of the class
- * To continue the process students can return to their seats and circle major ideas, concept, or important words from their own “quickwrite”
- * Students then prepare another “quickwrite” after listening to the class share

(Adopted from 50 Literacy Strategies: Step by Step by Gail E. Tompkins)