

Professional Development Resource

(Available through the MUSD Teacher Development Center)

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Topic: A 15 minute program that focuses on how to improve student writing with prewriting activities. Presented by a high school teacher, but could be appropriately used for other levels.

Type of Material 15 minute video

Title: HOW TO USE PREWRITING STRATEGIES

Author:

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Contents:

High school teachers demonstrate how prewriting strategies such as journal response writing, graphic organizers, conscious relaxation and guided imagery, freewriting, visual imaging and research can help students to:

- brainstorm topics and ideas
- process information so they can reconstruct it, connect with it and make it their own
- generate deeper thinking and ideas that provide details, elaboration, and depth to writing
- become more confident writers
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