

Quick Write

Before Reading Strategy

Writing strategy designed to improve fluency in student writing and to help students prepare and anticipate the material to be read.

Advantages to Quick Write:

- Gets students into the habit of writing.
- Focuses students' attention on a topic or concept prior to reading.
- Motivates students to want to read about a topic.
- Provides practice responding to prompts.

Directions:

1. Select the text that students will be reading.
2. Pull general themes, concepts, or ideas from the text.
3. Create general prompts for the students to write about. Give lots of options surrounding one idea or theme.
4. Post the writing prompt on the overhead or white/chalkboard.
5. Share writing with a partner or class if desired.
6. Read the text.
7. Return to the quick write and add additional thoughts.

Chapter on Human Skeleton

Prompt:

You and a friend are hiking in the woods. You discover two disconnected bones. Write about your discovery. What mammal is it? How old is it? What part of the body do you think it would fit? Give all the information that you know about these bones.

Geometry

Prompt:

Someone has offered you \$1.00 for every rectangle that you can find in this classroom. Describe the rectangles you see in complete sentences. How much money will you make?