

The PLANS Writing Strategy

For use with the Frame device (Framing Routine)

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Preview

- ⑧ Preview a specific topic-gather information about it (don't worry about organizing the ideas).
- ⑧ Preview audience and goals – think about who the audience will be and what you hope will happen when they read your work.

List main ideas and details on the Frame Think Sheet

- ⑧ List the title, what it will be about, main ideas, essential details, and the ending “big idea”.

Assign numbers to indicate the best order for writing ideas

- ⑧ Decide which main ideas to write about first, second, third, etc..
- ⑧ For each main idea, decide on the order for presenting details..
- ⑧ Make sure the order makes sense.
- ⑧ In the bubbles on the Frame, note numbers to indicate the order of ideas.

Note ideas in complete sentences

- ⑧ Begin with a sentence or two that activates the reader's background knowledge about your subject.
- ⑧ Next, introduce the topic of your essay and what it will be about
- ⑧ Follow your planned order for writing. Each new main idea and its supporting details should be in a new paragraph.
- ⑧ Write at least 2 sentences about each detail.
- ⑧ Tell yourself positive statements about yourself and tell yourself to write more.

Search for errors and correct

- ⑧ Read your paper aloud to find and fix...
 - Sentences that do not make sense, and
 - Incomplete or run-on sentences.
- ⑧ Read your paper silently to find and fix
 - Spelling and punctuation errors,
 - Switching tense errors, and
 - Mixing singular/plural subjects/verbs.