

Prewriting Think Sheet

Why Use It?

The importance of prewriting often is underestimated, but its function in the writing process is vital. For one, students need to discover what they already know about a given topic. The Prewriting Think Sheet is designed to elicit this type of information through a variety of questions focused on a particular topic that help students see connections within that knowledge.

How to Use it?

1. Explain the benefit of students recognizing what they know about a given topic before beginning the drafting process.
2. Introduce the Prewriting Think Sheet and model its use.
3. Encourage students to adapt the Prewriting Think Sheet to meet their specific writing needs.

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Topic: _____

Who will be my audience?

What is my purpose?

What are some things I already know about this topic?

What are some possible ways to group my ideas?


