

HAND OUT

Lesson 20. Writing and Researching Workshop

As you compose your inquiry-based research essay, remember that this work is a recursive process of reading, researching, rethinking, and writing. As a writer, you have a variety of strategies you can use in the writing process. Let's review some of the skills we've studied this year.

Activity 1: Writing Strategy Review

In teams, review one of the following writing strategies we've worked on all year:

- Brainstorming and mapping out your writing
- Organizing your ideas
- Developing an argument
- Writing a thesis statement
- Creating an introduction
- Using claims to focus organization
- Embedding quotes for evidence
- Using evidence to back up claims
- Using warrants to explain how the evidence relates to the claim
- Creating a conclusion

Write a team response to the following, to review writing strategies, and share this review with other classmates.

- How do these strategies work? Why are they important?

Post your review of these strategies in our online class space.

Activity 2: Workshop Time

During this class period, you may use the workshop writing time as follows:

- Research your topic
- Draft your inquiry-based research essay
- Critically read your literature circle novel
- Conference with classmates and/or the teacher