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WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

Examples

SOCIAL STUDIES

Writing to Learn	Writing to Demonstrate Knowledge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document analysis (graphic organizers) Answers to text-based questions Journals Learning logs Exit slips Note taking Sourcing documents (who, when, why, and POV) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DBQ Essays Document Based Answers (DBAs) Projects Research Reports Article Reviews Quick Write (text-based) Editorials

SCIENCE

Writing to Learn	Writing to Demonstrate Knowledge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graphic organizers Column notes Concept definition map Learning logs Exit slips Synthesizing Summaries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Position paper (argumentation) Investigation (lab) report Research report (developing investigation background) Journalistic reporting (school-related & community based articles)

MATH

Writing to Learn	Writing to Demonstrate Knowledge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Column notes Journaling Quick write Exit slips Symbols, meaning, writing Test corrections Vocabulary (concept maps) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defend viable arguments Structured writing guide Write your own problem

ELA

Writing to Learn	Writing to Demonstrate Knowledge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anticipation guides Before/During/After Interactive notes Graphic Organizers Vocabulary expansion Consolidating thought (summarizing, synthesizing, inferring, discussion web) Creditability of a source Journaling Main idea & supporting details 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing guidelines Essays Informational texts Journalistic writing Narrative writing Poetry Research report Argumentation/Persuasive

ELECTIVES

Writing to Learn	Writing to Demonstrate Knowledge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflection journals Graphic organizers Compare/Contrast Matrices Vocabulary expansion Discussion notes Exit slips 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research reports Journalist writing Peer reviewing Informational writing

ADDITIONAL IDEAS

Writing to Learn	Writing to Demonstrate Knowledge

Visit our new Writing Resources Website!

<http://scpswritingresources.weebly.com>



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WRITING TO LEARN

Definition:

A writing to learn strategy is one that teachers employ throughout and/or at the end of a lesson to engage students and develop big ideas and concepts

- Fosters critical thinking and learning
- Uses impromptu, short and/or informational tasks
- Focuses attention on ideas rather than grammar or spelling



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WRITING TO DEMONSTRATE KNOWLEDGE

Definition:

A writing to demonstrate knowledge assignment is one that teachers employ when they assign reports, essays, persuasive writing, letters, & research papers

- Synthesizes information
- Explains understandings of concepts and ideas
- Writes for an audience with a specific purpose
- Applies knowledge in new ways

Create one (1) Writing to Learn and one (1) Writing to Demonstrate Knowledge example that you can use in your class based on the current unit you are teaching.

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WRITING TO DEMONSTRATE KNOWLEDGE