Writing “Badly” is important: Beginning to Take an Idea through the Writing Process

* *Keep your hand moving.* Don’t pause to reread the line you just wrote. It’s stalling and trying to control what you’re saying.
* *Don’t cross out.* That is editing as you write. Even if you write something you didn’t mean to write, leave it.
* Don’t worry about spelling, punctuation or grammar. Don’t even care about staying in the margins or lines of the page.
* Lose control. Judging your ideas too quickly blocks you from progressing.
* Don’t think. Don’t get logical.
* Go for the jugular. If something comes up in your writing out of the ordinary, go for it that’s how unique ideas/ perspectives are born!

# Observational Thinking

Writing with observational thinking is like a game:

* One goal of the game is to try to write as much as possible about an everyday object.
* A second goal is to be as specific as possible about the object being described.
  + What kinds of things could a writer write about this thing?
  + Responses may include color, weight, texture, sound, smell, taste, function, context, components, or even cost.

# Writing Strategies for Interesting Reads

* Clear ideas, genres, and purpose
* Understanding your audience (on topic, level of reading, vocabulary, interests)
* Use vivid and precise language (write using your 5 senses for descriptions)
* Showing, not tell
* Reading other’s work may inspire you to write
* Triggering Imagination: Write an Inventive Lead
* Creating and Using Surprising Imagery
* Write a Discovery Draft. Get down on paper everything you know about a topic. The emphasis is on getting ideas—not grammar, organization, or form, which comes later.
* Drafting- create a plot diagram to have a map to your writing
* Focus on each step of the plot- don’t rush to get it done
* End with a Bang! Write a purposeful conclusion
* Edit! Edit! Edit!
* Reflect on your work (Self-Evaluation)
* Share with the WORLD!

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