

Quick Writes

Quick Writes encourage reflection through writing and can be used in any content area and during any part of the lesson (before, during, after). Through Quick Writes, students can briefly reflect on their learning. In addition, Quick Writes help students with writing fluency.

To implement a Quick Write, the teacher poses a question or presents a statement. Then students have a specified amount of time to respond in writing. The time allowed is usually short—from 30 seconds to about two minutes. Students can write on a sticky note, note card, Quick Write journal, or a piece of paper. Generally Quick Writes are not graded, but the teacher may want to respond to students' reflections in an informal way.

Sample Quick Write Prompts

- Before Instruction
 - What do you already know?
 - What questions do you have from the homework?
- During Instruction
 - What questions do you have?
 - What problems or issues have arisen?
 - Make a prediction from what you know so far
- After Instruction
 - What did you learn today?
 - What are the two most important points from today's lesson?
 - How did you participate today?
 - What would you like to know more about?
 - What questions do you still have?

Quick Write Format Ideas

- 30 second power write
- 2 minute summary
- 2 minute response
- 1 minute opinion/2 minute share
- Entrance slips
- Exit slips
- 3-2-1
- Post-it responses
- 30 second question list