

THE WRITING PROCESS

The abbreviation beginning each step is how I will normally refer to that step in class, on the board, with due dates, and in your grades.

PW - Prewriting: brainstorming, jot listing, webbing, mapping, discussing, thinking.

Special note: **THINKING** is indeed a PW technique, but you better get those thoughts to paper before long or I will doubt you are actually thinking! hehe

OL - Organizing/Outlining: get a rough order to your ideas, even if they are incomplete. Create **OUTLINE** or **WRITER'S BLUEPRINT**.

Special note: At first, all of you will be required to do this though I know it is uncomfortable for some. If, after your first couple papers, I see you organize with no problem, I will let you opt out of this if want.

RD - Drafting: Write! Avoid stopping, don't edit yourself, don't correct spelling, don't worry about order. **JUST WRITE!**

RRD - REVISION: THE MOST IMPORTANT STEP IN THE PROCESS:

spend most of your time here. Elicit peer readers, check your ideas, check your paragraphs, check your sentences, check description and detail, check to see if you have too much or too little depth, check your structure and clarity.

Special note: When you are done with this, you will have a big mess where your RD used to be. This mess is called your **RRD - Revised Rough Draft**.

NO ABBREVIATION: Editing/Proofreading: check all your mechanics from punctuation to spelling.

Special note: There is no abbreviation for this one because I can't collect editing. It will simply be checked in the final copy.

FC - Publishing: Submit the Final Copy.

This is a process and as such, is fluid in nature. Digressions and reordering are normal and expected.