

TeachME Professional Development

Writing Across the Curriculum

1. Which answer best summarizes how writing improves learning?

- A. Writing helps students to concentrate on one subject at a time so that they do not get distracted.
 - B. Writing will cause students to enjoy a subject more.
 - C. Writing helps to consolidate information in long-term memory, develops critical thinking skills, and improves metacognitive skills.
 - D. Writing helps students to use their working memory to answer text-dependent questions.
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2. _____ promotes _____ by _____ content and helping students to _____ their thoughts.

- A. Writing; learning; reinforcing; organize
 - B. Reading; application; presenting; process
 - C. Writing; research; presenting; process
 - D. Learning; Writing; Reading; organize
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3. What is NOT considered a benefit of writing?

- A. Stress and anxiety relief
 - B. Improved learning
 - C. Increased interest in content material
 - D. Improved metacognitive skills
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4. Writing has a positive impact on reading _____ and reading _____.

- A. Novels; textbooks
 - B. Proximity; speed
 - C. Fiction; nonfiction
 - D. "Fluency; comprehension (or vice versa)"
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5. Which of the following best describes one of the supports that a teacher needs to teach WAC?

- A. Provide the teacher with a framework and common vision for writing instruction
 - B. Provide the teacher with a list of discipline-specific texts to read
 - C. Offer to observe the teacher during writing instruction
 - D. Provide the teacher with worksheets to support writing
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6. Identify a “mathematical writing” activity Mrs. Strong can use to bring writing into her math class.

- A. Students write an essay about the contributions of a mathematician
 - B. Students write an error analysis paragraph about a problem answered incorrectly on an exam.
 - C. Students compare the ancient Egyptian numeral system with our modern day system
 - D. Students conduct a survey about what their peers consider the hardest math topic
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7. Mrs. Jem is uncomfortable teaching writing in her class. What can the principal provide to best support her?

- A. Writing worksheets
 - B. Writing textbooks for students
 - C. Extra time for writing instruction throughout the day
 - D. Professional Development opportunities
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8. Identify a WTL assignment that can be implemented in any class

- A. Lab Report
 - B. Exit Slip
 - C. Error Analysis
 - D. Persuasive Essay
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9. Technology is an important resource to provide teachers for WAC because it provides _____ for students, and _____ grading capabilities for teachers.

- A. Assistive technology; quicker
 - B. Worksheets; reduced
 - C. Activities; increased
 - D. YouTube; robot
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10. _____ prompting takes students from just understanding and digesting information to more complex skills like applying it to real life.

- A. Annotative
 - B. Metacognitive
 - C. Memory
 - D. Learning
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11. In what ways is writing beneficial for students working in science, math, or social studies?

- A. Helps students make connections**
 - B. Helps students with recall**
 - C. Promotes engagement with the content**
 - D. All of the above**
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12. Writing about content material facilitates learning by _____ information in _____

- A. Recalling; working memory**
 - B. Consolidating; long-term memory**
 - C. Forgetting; long-term memory**
 - D. Remembering; working memory**
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13. In what ways can writing improve mental health?

- A. It can increase energy levels**
 - B. It can build reasoning skills**
 - C. It can relieve stress and anxiety**
 - D. None of the above**
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14. Which activity facilitates engaging with text, by writing notes, questions, or comments in the margins?

- A. Journaling**
 - B. Translations**
 - C. Exit Slips**
 - D. Annotating**
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15. Inquiry-based lab reports allow students to do what?

- A. Design their own investigations**
 - B. Rewrite existing lab reports**
 - C. Share their findings with a larger audience**
 - D. Answer teacher-made investigative questions**
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16. What are two crucial elements of bringing writing into a content area classroom?

- A. Administration approves the writing assignment**
 - B. Assignments are graded with a rubric**
 - C. Writing assignments are flexible and fit into the curriculum**
 - D. Assignments must be standardized**
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17. Which is NOT a component of writing instruction for elementary school?

- A. Daily Time for Writing**
 - B. Teach and support basic writing skills**
 - C. Teach the writing process**
 - D. At least 30-minutes of writing homework per night**
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18. Which is NOT a component of writing instruction for middle and high school?

- A. Use writing instruction to assess and inform feedback**
 - B. Teach grammar and mechanics separate from other writing content**
 - C. Integrate writing and reading for key features**
 - D. Explicitly teach writing strategies using model-practice-reflect**
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19. Writing can improve communication skills in the following ways:

- A. Improve articulation and vocabulary**
 - B. Faster typing speed**
 - C. Increase the likelihood of learning a second language**
 - D. All of the above**
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20. Writing about reading increases _____ and _____.

- A. fluency; metacognition**
 - B. comprehension; retention**
 - C. grammar skills; reasoning**
 - D. fluency; comprehension**
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