

English III: American Literature

Name: _____

Freewriting as Brainstorming

As discussed in class, freewriting is an important aspect of the pre-writing process. Freewrite sessions help strengthen and develop an idea before a student actually sits in front of a computer to tackle the creation of a paper.

1. On a blank sheet of paper, freewrite for fifteen minutes explaining your personal feelings about how you prepare for writing a class project.
 - What emotions do you feel when an assignment is first handed to you?
 - What activities help get you in the mood to write?
 - Do you have any “rituals” to promote a strong paper?

During the writing process of this freewrite session, remember to never let the pen or pencil pause or hesitate on the page. Even if you start talking about something unrelated to the topic at hand, slowly force yourself back to the main point.

2. Do not worry about spelling, punctuation, generating the perfect sentence. Likewise, essay organization is not a restriction at this point. You are simply writing for the sake of writing. Let your mind wander and collect various impressions along the way.
3. Although at this time the *quality* of your writing is not an issue, the *quantity* of your words *is* an issue. The **end goal** here is to produce a large supply of words with different ideas or situations. Within a fifteen minute time limit you should be able to fill out one sheet of college-lined notepaper from top to bottom.