

# 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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