

# offering writing strategies



## facts

- “It is not possible to write a coherent and instructive paper without knowing well what you are talking about.”  
Leamson, Learning Your Way Through College

## questions to consider

- What steps do you go through to complete a writing assignment?
- At what points in completing a writing assignment do you have any difficulty?
- What kinds of comments do you typically receive from faculty members on writing assignments?
- What aspects of your writing would you like to improve?

## strategies to try

1. Read a writing assignment carefully soon after you receive it. Mark specific expectations or guidelines found within the assignment.
2. Review examples of other similar kinds of writing.
3. Break the process for writing the assignment down into steps. Determine what resources you need for each step.
4. Do research, and confirm you have resources early.
5. Create a personal deadline for completing each step in the writing process.
6. Leave time for mental breaks throughout the writing process so that your mind has time to play with ideas.
7. Have someone else read the paper to give you feedback on the organization, clarity, grammar, etc.
8. Take time to edit at two levels: global revisions (i.e. organization, content) and detailed revisions (i.e. grammar, spelling).