



## Quick-Write

The Quick Write strategy is an effective instructional technique designed to engage students in brief, focused writing tasks. It fosters critical thinking, encourages creative expression, and serves as a valuable tool for assessing prior knowledge or reflecting on new learning. Here's how it works:

### **1. Provide a Thought-Provoking Prompt**

Start by offering students an open-ended question, quote, or topic directly related to the lesson. The prompt should be designed to stimulate thought and tie directly to the material being covered.

Example: "How did World War I impact life for Americans on the home front?"

### **2. Set a Time Limit**

Allocate 3 to 10 minutes for students to write continuously without pausing to edit or overthink. The goal is for students to express their ideas freely and without inhibition.

### **3. Share and Reflect**

After the writing session, invite a few students to share their responses with the class. Use these reflections as a springboard for further discussion or to guide the next phase of the lesson.

### **4. Connect to Learning**

Tie the Quick Write responses to the day's lesson, demonstrating their relevance and deepening students' understanding of the material.

The Quick Write strategy promotes active engagement, enhances critical thinking, and supports informational recall.

At Thinking Nation, we regularly incorporate Quick Writes across our units to help students process new information, foster active discussions, and connect learning to real-world contexts.