

Writing Like a Reader/Reading Like a Writer

KWL+ was originally seen as reading strategy, but because reading and writing are so closely connected, many students and teachers have begun using it as a writing strategy, too. Here are a few possibilities. You are sure to think of others.

<i>What I Know</i>	<i>What I Want to know</i>	<i>What I've Learned</i>	<i>+ What I still want to know</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Consider what you already know about a topic as the starting point for freewrite. ➤ Think about what <i>your</i> readers are likely to know about the topic you are writing about. ➤ Use the introduction of your essay to help your readers activate their background knowledge, to get in touch with what they already know. ➤ Consider what your readers need to know, what information you have to give them so they can understand your points through out your essay. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pose questions as part of a freewrite. ➤ Make a list of what your readers might want to know to help you generate ideas to include in your paper. ➤ Keep in mind questions your readers might have as you write your draft. ➤ Discover more about what you want to know as you work on an essay. ➤ In peer review, ask readers what they want to know about your topic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Look over your class notes, reading notes, and freewrites, and then jot down what you've learned about a topic in preparation for writing an essay. ➤ Discover and explain to your readers what you've learned as you draft your essay. ➤ Use the conclusion of your essay to discuss the importance of what you learned, why and how it matters. ➤ In peer review, find out from readers what they've learned from your draft. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Consider what you still want to know as you look over all your notes and begin to outline or draft your essay. ➤ Once you have a draft, consider what you still want to know, what your readers might still want to know and use those question to help you expand your draft. ➤ Raise questions in your essay that you still wonder about or that you hope your readers will continue to think about.

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