

THE WRITING PROCESS

STAGE

DEFINITION

TIPS FOR THE WRITER

Prewriting

Brainstorm ideas and organize your topic.

- ★ Think about what you want to say.
- ★ Talk about your ideas with a friend to find a main idea.
- ★ Use a list or web to organize your ideas.

Drafting

Create a rough copy of your writing.

- ★ Write your ideas in order.
- ★ Read your work out loud and note places where you stumble.
- ★ Ask a friend for his or her feedback.

Revising

Improve your writing.

- ★ Try out different beginnings and endings.
- ★ Use quotes or add dialogue.
- ★ Include descriptive words.
- ★ Add detail to develop important parts.

Editing

Proofread your work.

- ★ Make sure you have complete sentences, correct spelling, and necessary capitalization and punctuation.
- ★ Reread to see if each sentence makes sense.
- ★ Ask a friend to proofread your work.

Publishing

Create a clean final copy.

- ★ Type your writing or copy it neatly onto new paper.
- ★ Think of an interesting title.
- ★ Share your writing.