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Freewriting: Concerns about Plagiarism & Scholarly Writing

Topic: *What are your chief concerns about plagiarism and scholarly writing? Explain them and tell us why they concern you.*

1) Write without stopping for five minutes.

2) Don't worry about spelling or punctuation, or whether your ideas are good ones. The purpose is to generate ideas and get as much on paper as possible.

3) Once you have stopped, re-read what you have written and underline or circle any interesting ideas or insights. Be ready to share them.

Professional writers often use the technique of "freewriting" to begin their work days and prevent "writer's block." They may seriously revise and edit what they write during this short period of time. Yet it's worthwhile because freewriting often yields the necessary ideas and inspiration needed to get started. It's like cranking the motor in a car on a cold morning. In addition, regular timed "freewriting" builds confidence, fluency and proficiency skills, getting new writers "in shape" for longer, research writing.