

HOW TO TEACH STUDENTS TO DEVELOP A TOPIC



Simple Develop a Topic Checklist

Step 1

Go back and check to see where you can include more information to improve your writing

Make a checkmark next to everything you added:

- Details
- Definitions
- Summaries
- Quotes
- Descriptions

Step 2

Ask yourself:
Do I have enough details in my writing?

If so, do you need to add more? Or can you move to Step 3?

If not, what is one detail that you could add?

Step 3

Ask yourself:
Do I have definitions in my writing?

If so, do you need to add more? Or can you move to Step 4?

If not, what is one word that needs defining?

Step 4

Ask yourself:
Do I have a summary in my writing?

If so, do you need to add another? Or can you move to Step 5?

If not, what should you summarize?

Step 5

Ask yourself:
Do I include quotes in my writing?

If so, do you need to add more? Or can you move to Step 6?

If not, what quotes should you include?

Step 6

Ask yourself:
Do I include descriptions in my writing?

If so, do you need to add more? Or are you done?

If not, what points need more description?