

On Demand Timed Writing Strategies ABC + D

Attack the prompt (1 to 1 ½ minutes)

- Circle any word that asks you to do something.
- Draw an arrow from each circled word (those words that ask you to do something) to what it specifically tells you to do.
- Under the prompt, rewrite and number the circled words. Next to each word, rewrite what the word asks you to do.
- Finally, double-check to see how many parts/questions the prompt is asking you to write about.

Brainstorm possible answers (5 minutes)

- Make a list, or
- Write an outline, or
- Draw a bubble map / concept web

Choose the order of your response (30 seconds-1 minute)

- Determine the most logical sequence (i.e. order of importance, chronological order, cause and effect, etc.).
- Number the list, outline, or map.

Do not delete errors before turning the draft in (1-5 minutes)

- Go through and delete / fix obvious errors
- Check to make sure that you've answered all parts of the prompt

Sample Prompt:

By the time students enter high school, they have learned about many moments in history that have influenced our world today. Think about a moment in history you studied and consider its importance.

Write a composition in which you discuss a moment in history. Share its importance in today's world. Be sure to support the moment with details and examples.