



MAKING THINKING VISIBLE

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Thinking Session: Using Visible Thinking
in Evidence-Based Writing

Visible Thinking Routines can be personalized to fit any subject and objective. The two Visible Thinking Routines that are explored in this session include a modified version of "Chalk Talk" and a spin on "Generate-Sort-Connect-Elaborate." These strategies provide opportunities for even the most reluctant writers to get their thoughts out on paper. Each routine also challenges fluent writers to prioritize and sort their own thoughts and the thoughts of others. Graphic organizers are usually distributed to students during the prewriting stage, but most organizers are completed independently. Using these two routines in your classroom will establish a collaborative group effort in the evidence collection stage of prewriting. Essentially, students will post relevant evidence to designated stations in the classroom, and all students will have access to the collected evidence.

Ideas of how to use this routine in my classroom:

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