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Writers' Workshop sponsored by The Idaho Librarian

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Goals for this Session

- To draw out your inner author and build your enthusiasm.
- To generate or advance your ideas for new writing projects.
- To provide an opportunity for brainstorming and peer feedback.
Reflective Exercise

• Think about your most recent writing experience.

• What went well? What was hard or easy about it?

• What do you still need to learn, or learn to do better?
Writing.
Is.
Hard!

Write what you know.
Your Writing Process:

- The diver writer
- The patchwork writer
- The grand plan writer
- The architect writer

You?
Writing

- Prewriting
- Drafting
- Publication
- Proofreading
- Revising
1. Prewriting

**Steps**
- Topic selection
- Research, read, discuss, refine
- Plan & outline

**Methods**
- Brainstorming
- Freewriting
- Journaling
- Investigating (research)
- Outlining
- Mind mapping
Brainstorming Break!

10 minutes, brainstorm and outline a new topic alone or with a neighbor.
2. Drafting

• Writing bad first drafts (Anne Lamott)
• "Getting it down" without self-consciousness
• No second-guessing allowed at this stage
Freewrite for 5 minutes on your outlined topic
3. Revising

Get feedback

- Writing group
- Colleagues

Helping to refine content

- Strong/weak
- Sandwich comments
- Be specific
- Ask questions
4. Proofreading

**Appearance**
- Formatting
- Fonts
- Footnotes
- Headers and footers

**Linguistics**
- Spelling
- Punctuation

**Sources**
- Citations correct
- All sources referenced
- Acknowledgements
5. Publication

- Submitting
- Where?
- How?

- Process
- Editors
- Peer review
- Revising (again)

- Celebrating
- Glory!
Peer review
What Now?

- Practice
- Co-authors
- Writing group
- Deadlines!
Resources Consulted

