Elements of Good Writing

SPA

SPA = Subject, Purpose, Audience

Subject – topic that you know well and understand

Purpose – a clear reason to write

Audience – who are your <u>readers</u>

Subject

Be specific and focused Don't be too general

Entertainment

The Movies

Movie History

Early History

Silent film era

Purpose To: Entertain Inform Persuade

Audience

Envision your readers

What expressions or culture are meaningful to them?

What would they enjoy reading?

How can you persuade them?

The Writing Process

- 1. Prewriting thinking about the topic
- 2. Planning organizing material
- 3. Drafting write your article, script, book (1st time)
- 4. Revising Improve focus, content, organization
- 5. Editing Check grammar, spelling, etc.

Prewriting

1. Brainstorming – free thinking, grouping

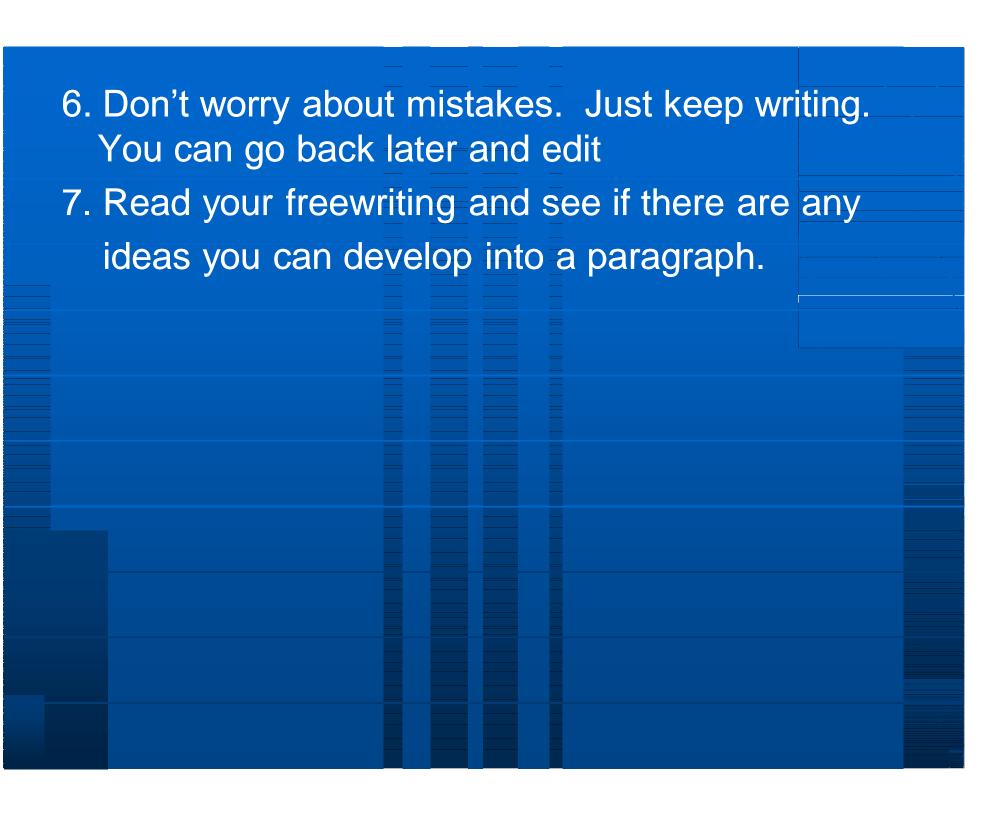
2. Clustering – general to specific topic

3. Freewriting – finding a focus

4. Keeping a Journal –record of daily thoughts and activities

Freewriting (finding a focus)

- 1. Write topic at top of page
- 2. Start writing
- 3. Write as much as your can and as fast as you can for 10 minutes
- 4. Don't stop for any reason. Don't worry if your mind wanders away from your original idea; let your ideas flow
- 5. If you can't think of anything, write "my mind Is blank, my mind is blank" over and over again until a new thought comes into your mind.



Drafting-Paragraphs

State your point topic sentence

2. Support your point

Topic Sentences

1. Usually the frist sentence of a paragraph.

2. Controls all the other sentences

States the topic

Identifies and controlling idea

Express writer's attitude about topic