

The Writing Process: What's Right for You?

	Visual Strategies	Auditory Strategies	Kinesthetic Strategies
Gathering Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at model papers • Color-code information • Form a “mental picture” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read assignment aloud • Talk about the assignment with other students, tutors, etc. • Use audio information when possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use note cards, post-it notes, and sheets of notes that can be moved around • Write down ideas and information • Organize physical activities around your project (like walking while brainstorming)
Organizing Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep lists & keep them visible • Use patterns, colors, and white space to organize information • Use outlining and listing features on your computer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have organized discussions • Ask yourself questions • Write down the thesis statement and a topic sentence for each paragraph 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize information in piles or columns • Make a three-dimensional representation of your paper • Change your physical location as you work on different sections of your paper
Drafting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a computer to keep your draft visually organized and neat • Keep example of required citation method handy • Focus on one section or paragraph at a time as you draft 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When in doubt, talk it out • Make your paper “sound clear” at first. Make it “sound academic” later • Read your topic sentences out loud 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a computer to create your draft • Take frequent breaks and plan physical activity
Revising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-read your assignment • Give your eyes a break between drafting and revising • Outline your completed draft 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have someone read your paper out loud • Use a tape recorder or tutor to help you remember what you say • Listen for transitions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline your completed draft • Take breaks • Look at different versions of your paper side-by-side