

Next Steps for Deepening Understanding With Writing and Reading

The following tool details some steps you can take to deepen students' understanding with writing and reading in your classroom. For each step, note the date you tried it and reflect on how it went: What did you do? How did it go? What would you change? What's next? There are spaces available at the end for you to plan additional steps you can take toward a student-centered approach to teaching.

| Next Steps Tried | Date Tried | Reflection |
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| Select a topic and write a short narrative about it. Do a little research and add some factual details to your narrative. Maintain a list of references. | | |
| Review the four devices of <i>The New Journalism</i> (Wolfe, 1973) and use them to revise and, perhaps, expand your researched narrative. | | |
| Take a moment to try to imagine your researched narrative as a five-paragraph essay. | | |
| Join a book club that will give you opportunities to talk about what you are reading. | | |
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