



Keys to Content Writing

Quick Writes and Sentence Combining: First Days of School Ideas

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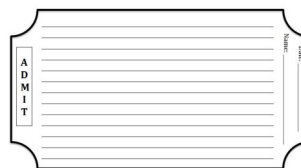
- Have students write a postcard to a friend describing the first few days of school.
- Have students work independently or in groups to generate questions about what they want to learn this year in science, music, PE, art, etc.
- Have students write riddles or clues that describe places in the school or places in the classroom. Trade with a partner to answer.
- Have students generate interview questions for each other. Pair them up to answer the interview questions.
- Have students generate a list of facts about themselves. Trade facts with another student. Then, each student has to combine two facts to form a sentence about their partner. Students can present their partner to the class.
- Draw/ label a cycle or process flow chart to describe a complex classroom routine, such as morning procedures/ entering the classroom or going through the lunch line.
- Have students summarize a procedure or routine in 300 characters or less (text message quick write) or a Twitter Tweet (140 characters or less).

For more ideas for classroom Quick Writes and Sentence Combining, see Chapter 3 of Keys to Content Writing text.

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resources/worksheets/](https://keystoliteracy.com/resources/worksheets/)



Teacher Spotlight!



Implementing Keys to Content Writing in your classroom? We want to feature you in our next issue!

Take a picture of your student work, teacher resources, or any other example of your amazing Keys to Content Writing work in your classroom and email the photos, along with a description of the content featured, to Kate Lyons:

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Teachers Collaborate at the 4th Annual Professional Educators' Institute

Teachers engage in Keys to Content Writing professional development modules at the Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort on July 27th and 28th. The next Keys to Content Writing professional learning experience will be on August 28th and many more will occur throughout the school year.



(Clockwise from top left) Teachers from: Cesar Chavez, J. R. Davis, and C. O. Greenfield