



**“Launch Pad” for Writing**

This worksheet scaffolds the writing process by cueing next steps with questions and reminders. It can be adapted for writing a simple paragraph or a longer piece.

1. **Purpose:** what is the assignment asking you to do?
  
2. **Audience:** who are you writing for?
  
3. **Topic:** what is your topic in response to this assignment?
  
4. **Generating ideas:** what do you know about your topic? What key words come to mind when thinking about this assignment?
  
5. **Freewriting:** tell about your focused topic in sentences without censoring or worrying about grammar, vocabulary, spelling, or punctuation.
  
6. **Main idea in a topic sentence:** what is a point you can make about your focused topic?  
Write your point (main idea) in a sentence.
  
- 6b. Now try rewriting your main idea as an **idea-driven statement** – not a summary or point that is too general.