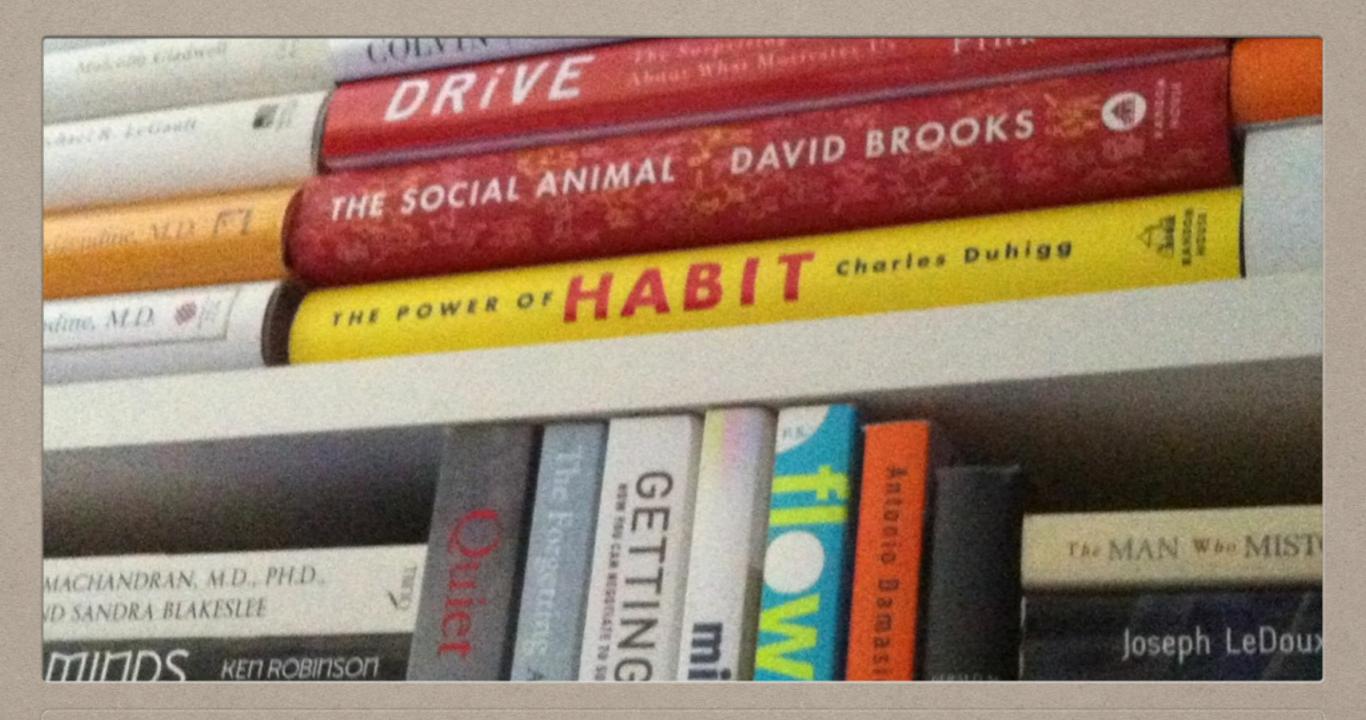
STEPS TO DEVELOP EVIDENCE-BASED WRITING

CRITICAL READING SYNTHESIZED WITH INTENSIVE WRITING

Please adjust to fit your style, classes, and priorities!

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ONGOING PROCESS

During personal reading of books magazines, journals, online articles, collect potential sources

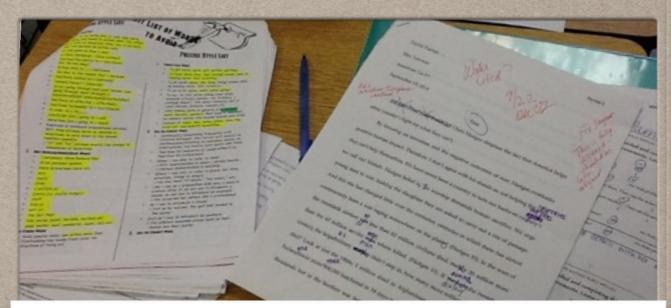
FOLLOW THE STATE'S FRAMEWORKS: Choose Unit Themes

START WITH THE BASICS

Develop units with several short fiction and nonfiction selections and one extended text (alternating fiction and nonfiction)

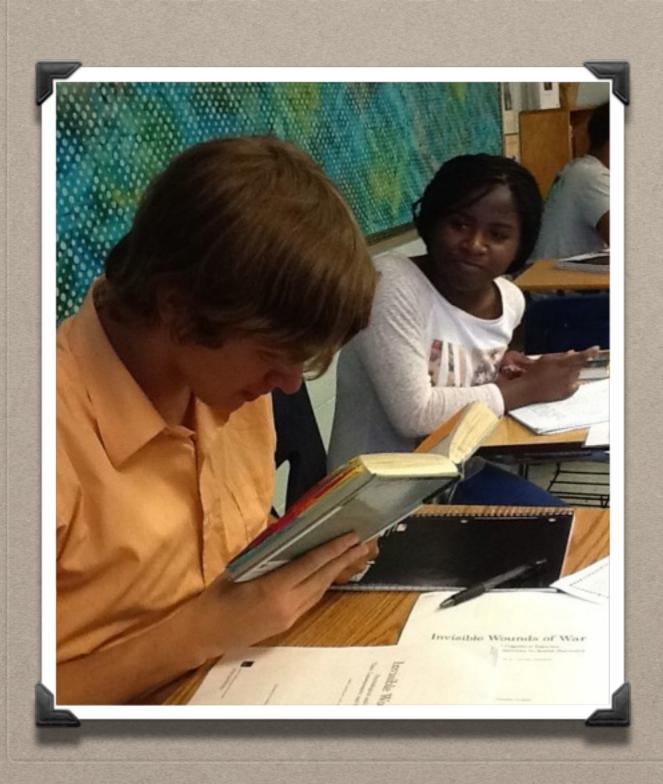
FOLLOW THE STATE'S FRAMEWORKS: Develop units assigning all required writing genres throughout the units

- Determine writing skills to teach in each unit
- Create resources (ie. PowerPoints, reference booklets)
- Determine type of major paper and its requirements for each unit
- Determine types of timed writings and their requirements for each unit





MANY STEPS MUST OCCUR INTERMITTENTLY WITH EACH OTHER



- Determine journal entry prompts, several that require reading and evidence
- Determine sources needed for all writing prompts
- Find sources (using collected file)

- Write major paper prompts
- Create major process paper rubrics

Write timed essay/minor essay prompts



DESIGNING PROMPTS REQUIRE STUDENTS TO...

- Analyze a selection's subject, purpose, aesthetics
- Compare two selections for purpose, subject, meaning
- Synthesize two or more selections to apply to a specified intention
- Narrate an event, a change, a different perspective, a different outcome, a missing scene from a selection
- Explain a complex topic, event, problem derived from or related to a selection
- Propose a solution, change, alternate method than the one discussed
- Evaluate a source to refine its argument or refute it

DESIGNING PROMPTS REQUIRE STUDENTS TO...

- Respond to a source
- Use multiple sources to support a claim
- Seek their own sources to support a claim or option
- Evaluate the pros and cons of a proposal
- Determine which source offers the best solution
- Use a source as inspiration for narration or argumentation
- Use one of several possible sources as evidence
- Show that various opinions exist on a topic
- Find points of agreement between/amongst sources

ACTIVITIES AND INSTRUCTION ALONG THE WAY

- Teach critical reading early in semester using packet
- Model Critical Reading
- Teach and require prewriting activities a
- Teach and require a variety of organizational schemes
- Involve students in projects that use writing and sources but not in a traditional essay
- Require students to explain, argue, narrate verbally to one another











What can you share?

What do you still want to know?

Do you have frustrations?

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How can I help you with developing evidence-based writing?