

Three Perspectives Guide (Static, Relative, and Dynamic)

Please write in complete sentences.

This is meant to help you recall what you already know about your topic and should help you to make new connections. (See sample in Atwill, p.121-122)

A. STATIC - Describe and Distinguish (Write everything you know about the issue in the present).

Think about:

- Important aspects or elements of the topic. (What do you already know about this topic?)
- Images and experiences (Have you seen anything that reflects this topic?)
- Perspectives within the group (What do people within your group tend to think about this issue?)
- Perspectives outside the group (What do you think that people outside of your group tend to think about this issue?)
- My own perspective (What do you think about the issue?)

B. RELATIVE - Examine this topic in relation to other knowledge.

Think about:

- Categories/classifications/analogies (Can you think of ways that you or other people categorize or classify your topic, or the issue you are focusing on? Is it similar to anything else you can think of?)
- Comparisons/Contrasts (Are there any comparisons that you can think of within your topic, e.g. health/injury, power/submission?)
- Cultural stereotypes (Are there any stereotypes linked to your topic?)

C. DYNAMIC - Discuss moves and changes in relation to this issue.

Think about:

- Changes in your experience or attitudes toward the topic over time. (Has your understanding of this topic, or the issue that you are focusing on, changed over time?)
- Changes in the issue (How has this issue changed over time, or has the way that other people view it changed?)
- Causes and Effects (Consider what factors may have caused/precipitated this issue.)