

What's EmPOWER?

EmPOWER is an instructional routine for teaching expository writing in all grades and school subjects. It incorporates a set of strategies for navigating the writing process within six steps that build on one another in a flexible and dynamic way:



Evaluate

Analyze the assignment and set goals



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Plan how to approach the task and choose strategies



Organize

Represent and organize ideas



Work

Structure ideas and express them in writing



Evaluate

Determine what needs to change



Re-work

Decide how to make changes

EmPOWER is neither a "program" nor a writing "curriculum." Teachers weave its steps and strategies through their own curriculum to meet their unique writing instruction goals. With EmPOWER in the classroom, writing takes its rightful place as a vehicle for inquiry, higher-level thinking, and learning. This empowers teachers to take their students where they want them to go as writers.

*Giving teachers methods
to teach what's
challenging.*

