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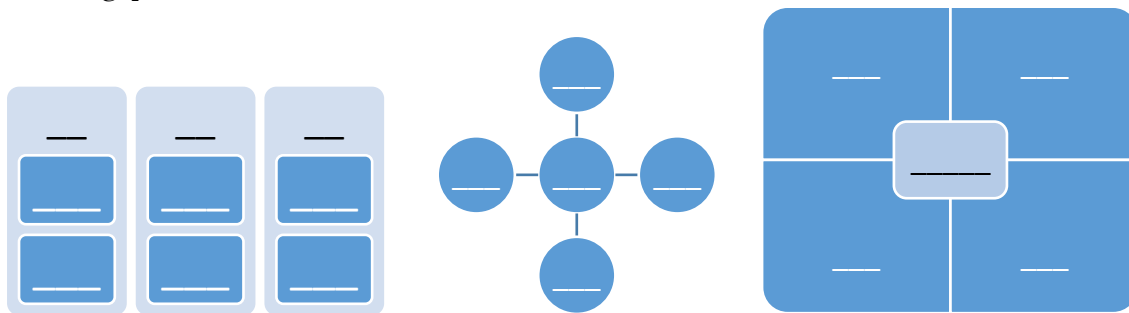
Developing Ideas into Articles: Strategies for Publishing about Your Teaching

Where to Start?

1. Look for Calls for Proposals (CFPs) from your local, state, and national/international professional organizations. For instance, in English Ed, we have MCTE, NCTE, MCEE, CEE, IRA, as well as others. Look on the web sites of assemblies, associations, affiliates, and other organizations related to your field of expertise.
2. Read journals in your field – and look at the References/Works Cited pages for the names of journals that might be associated with your field. You can look at those journals then for Calls for Manuscripts.
 - a. <http://www.ncte.org/journals/ej/calls> (secondary)
 - b. <http://www.ncte.org/journals/la/call> (elementary)
 - c. http://scholarworks.gvsu.edu/lajm/call_for_manuscripts.pdf (Michigan)
3. Talk to presenters at conferences after their presentations, between sessions, and at socials. Or email them after you attend their sessions. Ask where they publish, present, etc. Networking can help you make connections that will help you in your professional writing.

Organizing/Prewriting

- Play with an outline, PowerPoint, or other graphic organizer to come up with ideas you want to explore in writing.
- Consider how what or how you teach might help someone else to learn.
- Reflect on research could you do or have done about teaching or student learning.
- Think about an issue you feel strongly about and explore what's been written already. Then, look for gaps in the information or check out the conclusion for limitations or areas that were not examined.



Former *English Journal* editor and amazing professor **Louann Reid** has a great **list of tips** for teachers here: <http://www.nwp.org/cs/public/print/resource/2638> (“Teachers Writing for Publication: Tips from a Teacher, Author, and Editor”)

Query Letters

You can always write the editor of a journal and ask about the feasibility of a potential article/essay. In doing so, you want to be direct and specific while maintaining a professional but friendly tone. Here are a couple of examples/advice on letters and publishing:

http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/journal_of_scholarly_publishing/v035/35.2gump.pdf

http://www.gla.ac.uk/media/media_41223_en.pdf (Chapter 4 “From Submission to Print: Submitting a Paper for Publication and the Publishing Process” by Clare Morton)

Where Can I Publish?

<http://www.nwp.org/cs/public/print/resource/465>

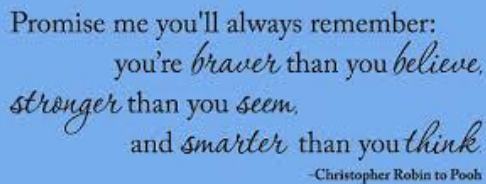
<http://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/sections/is/iswebsite/projpubs/journalsteachinglearning>

Book Suggestion

Writing Your Journal Article in Twelve Weeks: A Guide to Academic Publishing by Wendy Laura Belcher (Sage Publications, 2009)

Final words of advice

If you don't write it, you can't send it out. If you don't send it out, you can't publish it. Do your research. Be willing to revise. Believe in yourself. And publish!



Promise me you'll always remember:
you're *braver* than you *believe*,
stronger than you *seem*,
and *smarter* than you *think*.
- Christopher Robin to Pooh

A.A. Milne

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