

Name: _____

Hour: _____

Writing Fluency

What: Most days we will begin class by writing for five minutes on a topic provided on the board. During this time, you **MUST** write! If you cannot think of anything to write, then write that. There is **NOTHING** else going on during this time but writing. Allow your mind and writing to wander and make connections from the topic to your life or other things. The goal is twofold: write quickly and try to stick to the topic.

Why? Studies show that the action of putting pencil to paper triggers the brain to work and make connections!

How? Every day, we will write for five minutes at the very beginning of class. Then, you will fill out the sheet on the reverse side. If you have an excused absence, it is your responsibility to write on the sheet "Excused Absence". If you have an unexcused absence or tardy, you will not receive credit for that day. You must keep both this sheet and the writing in your folder. I will spot check your writing unannounced. You will turn this sheet in. If you have no pencil, are not on task or are not silently writing for five minutes, you will not receive points.

This is an easy way to bring your grade up.

Number of
Words

Date

Graph your progress in the area above.

