

# Prewriting

**Brainstorm**  
**Compare/Contrast**  
**Gather Evidence**

**Organize Ideas**  
**Thesis Statement**  
**Outline**

# Drafting

Create a rough draft.  
Get all your ideas on paper.  
Perfection not required.

# Revising

*Read it out loud!*

*Adjust for fluent sentences.*

*Change BIG ideas.*

*Check for great organization.*

*Strengthen word choice.*

*Ensure consistent, appropriate voice.*

# Editing

**Proofread for errors.  
Correct conventions, grammar,  
Spelling and mechanics.  
MLA format and citation perfection.  
Have more than one person check it!**

# Publishing

**Turn it in!**

**Post it online.**

**Share it with family and friends.**

**Submit to a contest.**