

write alaska

What is a “wiki?”

A wiki is an open-source web document, which means that it allows collaborative editing of its content. Because a wiki's content is structured by its users, it is always evolving.

Apprehensive?

If you'd like to know more about the wiki or how you can become a part of it, please contact me at tknight8@alaska.edu. All composition teachers are encouraged to join.



Write Alaska is a place for composition instructors to share and collaborate on ideas and activities as well as engage in conversations about teaching techniques. We hope to provide

a space to share lesson plans, foster online discussions, and create a supportive environment for composition teachers at any point in their career.

While designing this site, we made all attempts to avoid a prescriptive approach to composition. We believe that there is not one 'right' way to teach writing and that personality, individual teaching style, and audience help determine the most effective way to engage students. In keeping with this belief, Write Alaska avoids a hierarchical organization whenever possible. Instead, the wiki-pages are organized according to tags. A single lesson plan, classroom activity, or article may have several different applications based on how the end user (the instructor) chooses to use it. The duty to find the different applications (and thus the appropriate tags) of a single article rests not only with the individual who creates the wiki-

page but also with a viewer who sees another use for the information.

Also, every wiki-page created will automatically have a linked discussion page. Here, discourse pertaining to the topics of the wiki-page or ideas generated by it can happen. Have your own take on how a certain concept could be taught? Here is the place to have a conversation about it. Have a question about how a classroom activity could be improved? Offer a suggestion on the discussion page. The discussion pages are places for wiki-pages to evolve from the original concept of an individual into something altogether new.



inherent in the 'Web 2.0' age of social media, this site will end up being what you make it.

Please feel free to poke around and use anything that you find on this site for your own benefit. And once you are comfortable, start sharing some materials and ideas of your own. As is