

Demonstrated Writing

Once upon a time 

Why?

Students require many demonstrations of how texts are organized, constructed and used. In order to engage students in these demonstrations, the teacher shows what a writer does to convey meaning in writing.

How?

- The teacher thinks aloud and shows students how to put ideas down in draft form.
- This is the teacher's own writing. Editing and revision occur naturally.
- When drafting is completed, a conference is held.
- There is no need to make deliberate mistakes; sufficient teaching points will arise as the piece evolves.
- After completion of the piece, appropriate publishing could occur, e.g. letter, poster.