

Nurturing a Topic, Living with a Topic (Mini-Lessons)

- ☆ Write everything that comes to mind when you think about your topic.
- ☆ Make a really long list of words that come to mind.
- ☆ Choose one word and write a lot about it.
- ☆ Try to write about your topic like your favorite author.
- ☆ Draw a picture that makes you think about your topic.
- ☆ Look at photographs that make you or others tell stories about your topic.
- ☆ Gather artifacts that force memories and writing.
- ☆ Observe closely.
- ☆ Talk or ask questions about your topic to gather information (go public).
- ☆ Do some real research on your topic.