

## Thinking Writing short writing tasks: 'Spend three minutes...'

Here are some short writing tasks to use at writing retreats or as activities in a seminar/lecture to get participants thinking. These also work well as an alternative to, or a starting point for, discussion activities.

- Spend three minutes writing about how the section you are working on now relates to your larger text/project.
- Spend three minutes summing up the key points from the last session/yesterday,
- Spend three minutes summing up something you haven't yet managed to address in your writing
- Spend three minutes writing about something you feel is important but that you don't fully understand.
- Spend three minutes writing about a key concept that you are going to deal with in this section.
- Spend three minutes outlining a problem/issue that you are writing about.
- Spend three minutes writing down three key questions you would like the section you are working on now to answer.
- Spend three minutes writing down what you would like your reader to learn from reading this piece.
- Spend three minutes writing down what your reader needs to know already in order to understand the section you are writing/point you are making.