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Answer Key: Mapping the Manuscript: A 9th Grade Writing Process Maze

Freshmen identify core terminology and distinguish between recursive stages while establishing a baseline for high school composition expectations.

1. Which task is primarily associated with the 'Pre-writing' or 'Planning' stage when preparing a rhetorical analysis?

Answer: B) Determining the target audience and purpose

Planning involves setting the foundation, which includes identifying who you are writing for and why.

2. True or False: During the 'Drafting' phase, your main priority should be perfect spelling and grammar rather than the flow of ideas.

Answer: B) False

Drafting focuses on getting ideas onto the page; technical perfection occurs during the later editing stage.

3. When a writer changes the order of their paragraphs to ensure a more logical argument, they are _____.

Answer: C) Revising

Revision involves 're-seeing' the structure and content of the piece to improve the flow and clarity of ideas.

4. Which of the following is a common 'Editing' activity for a high school lab report?

Answer: A) Checking for consistent verb tense and capitalization

Editing focuses on the 'mechanics' of writing, such as grammar, punctuation, and formatting.

5. The writing process is 'recursive,' meaning writers often move back and forth between stages rather than following a strict line.

Answer: A) True

Effective writing often requires returning to previous steps, like brainstorming new ideas even after a draft is started.

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6. The final stage where a writer shares their work with an audience, such as a teacher or a blog community, is called _____.

Answer: C) Publishing

Publishing is the culmination of the process where the work is finalized and distributed.

7. If you are using a 'Graphic Organizer' to map out your main points before writing a speech, you are currently:

Answer: C) Planning

Graphic organizers are tools used during the planning/pre-writing stage to structure thoughts visibly.

8. True or False: Peer feedback is most useful during the 'Revising' stage to help improve the content of the work.

Answer: A) True

External feedback is a key part of revision because it helps the author see where their ideas are unclear to others.

9. Which action would be considered 'Proofreading' (a subset of Editing)?

Answer: A) Searching for typos and misspelled words

Proofreading is the very final check for surface-level errors like spelling and typos.

10. A writer who jots down a 'Stream of Consciousness' list of ideas for a poem is engaging in _____.

Answer: B) Brainstorming

Brainstorming is a pre-writing technique used to generate a wide variety of ideas without judgment.