**PostIT-bonanza as a writing tool**

Why? To get an overview of the structure of the whole (or parts of) the text.

You can: Discuss content and flow by sorting the post-ITs, use them to plan the direction of the argument, find and build a strong narrative, and also focus on transitions and the flow of the text. It lets you see and think about the whole text simultaneously.

How:

Spend 5-10 minutes to write key words or ideas on post-ITs. (Theories, data, material, analysis points, discussion points, ideas for compare and contrast, examples for literature, lab results, analysis results, graphs, figures, hypotheses etc.)

Write what you need to build a backbone of the text. Please supplement with additional post-ITs when you need them throughout the working process.

Then:

Group the post-ITs

Organize in hierarchy, in pairs or in sequence

Outline while thinking of a linear text, from left to right, top to bottom.

Talk through the outline. Do you need more post-ITs?

Ideas:

Identify the strongest, most interesting, coolest argument/group of post-ITs? Where is this post-IT placed? Could it be moved to get more strength/focus? How will you tell the story to get to this point? What happens before, and what happens after? How will a reader respond to this?

Force changes by moving the last group of post-ITs to the beginning. What happens to the story? Can you tease at the beginning to help the reader see where the text is headed?

Force changes by swapping the two middle parts of the results/analysis. How does this affect the flow of the argument? If this is better, can you supplement to fill potential gaps?

Do you need to change the problemstilling to fit the answers you have?

Do you see emerging patterns in the analysis, such as themes, groups or trends? Rearrange and talk through again. Re-organize the introduction and/or discussion based on this?

Write additional post-ITs at the transition between arguments. (small summaries + triggers for the next section). Do you need to re-arrange the order to make it fit/flow?

Write a whole sentence for each post-IT. This can be a rough draft for the entire text. “Fill in the blanks” Good luck!

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