

Rough Draft Group Work

In the coming weeks, we will be moving in a few different directions. First, to focus on grammar in preparation for our grammar exam at the end of October and then towards the finer points of academic research and paper writing. Before that, I thought it would be good to have another group work assignment where we discuss this week's tasks (rough drafts, outlines, etc) and our own papers in small groups.

Get into groups of 2-4. Answer these questions and discuss your papers with classmates. In 10-15 minutes we'll come together as a group to discuss our answers.

1. Talk about the differences between informal and formal outlines. Why would you use one more than the other?
2. What are your own outlining strategies for the current paper? Has one way worked more than the other?
3. Discuss your current rough draft. How is the body of it changing over time? How do these changes affect your potential introduction and conclusion paragraphs?
4. Take a look at the list of strategies on page 36 for drafting. Which of these are you using for your papers? Are there any that you have not tried yet that you are considering?