

## *STRATEGIES FOR FACING THE BLANK PAGE*

1. Engage someone in conversation about your topic.
2. Start small.
3. Freewrite for a prescribed length of time.
4. Write a letter.
5. Write to yourself, explaining what you are trying to do.
6. Read an article about your topic; put it aside, and freewrite.
7. Read a related article and do an informal response piece.
8. Write for a while and then reward yourself.
9. Use your journal.
10. Keep a scrapbook of newspaper articles, Internet postings, etc.
11. Do “collage writing” (short pieces on the same topic) .
12. Don't sit there and stare at the blank sheet or screen. Take a break!
13. Time yourself and write for a set length of time only.
14. Slow down. Set small goals.
15. Begin badly on purpose.
16. Write on the back of an envelope or notecard.
17. Talk into a tape recorder.
18. Think of your writing as a speech.
19. Assume another role.
20. Imitate writers you admire.

**JUST DO IT!**