

Constructing a Food Genealogy

Brainstorming:

- Select a cultural food item and reflect on your associations with this item
- Determine which disciplinary perspective, century, cultural, religious, historical background you want to study
- Discuss with your group how your various disciplinary perspectives are relevant to explore the topic

Writing Stage 1

Expressive Stage: Why did you pick this particular food item?

- Anecdotal, short story, poem, drawing, painting, films
- Animoto

Learning Goals:

- To explore and discover one's voice or voices in a reflective, creative manner;
- To gain a more self-conscious awareness of one's writing process and integrate other voices/creative products in one's own approach.

Writing Stage 2

Analytical & Disciplinary Stage: What texts, films, artwork, studies, experiments, etc., with regards to your selected food item, will you analyze and what will be your guiding questions?

Learning Goals:

- To gain a basic understanding of the thinking and writing done in two or three disciplines;
- To read contradictory viewpoints from two or three thinkers from the same discipline & from different disciplines;
- To gain practice in, and a critical awareness of, two or three research methods used in various fields of knowledge.

Writing Stage 3

Comparative and Integrative Stage: What are the unique features of a particular discipline, and how do they compare with those of another discipline? How can you integrate your various knowledge of a specific food item and formulate differences and common ground between various disciplinary views? What new research questions emerged during your investigations and reflections?

Learning Goals

- To critically analyze the limitations and benefits of a variety of disciplinary texts on a certain topic;
- To "translate" disciplinary knowledge for an audience of another discipline;
- To compare and contrast different research methods and analyze their purposes within disciplinary and interdisciplinary scholarship;
- To integrate knowledge gained from a variety of disciplines on a given topic.

Thank you very much for your participation!