DEFENDS


This writing strategy is designed to aid in written compositions. It is intended to help students write a paper defending a position. This strategy involves imbedded strategies.

**Decide**
- Decide on an exact position.

**Examine**
- Examine the reasons for the positions.

**Form**
- Form a list of points that explain each reason.

**Expose**
- Expose the position in the first sentence.

**Note**
- Note each reason and supporting points.

**Drive**
- Drive home the position in the last sentence.

**Search**
- **SEARCH** for errors and correct.
  - **See** if it makes sense
  - **Eject** incomplete sentences
  - **Ask** if it’s convincing
  - **Reveal** COPS errors & correct (See expanded COPS for more information).
    - Capitalization
    - Overall appearance
    - Punctuation
    - Spelling
  - **Copy** over neatly
  - **Have** a last look