

Collaborative Writing

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What is Collaborative Writing?

Team plans and outlines, each member drafts a part, team compiles and revises the whole.



One person dictates. Another person transcribes and revises.



Masterpieces are not single and solitary births; they are the outcome of many years of thinking in common, of thinking by the body of the people, so that the experience of the mass is behind the single voice. -Virginia Woolf



Pros	Cons
Ego – enables quality, infuses passion	Ego – embeds flaws, ensures bias
Solitary, competitive, male, majority	Collaborative, cooperative, female, minority
Cognitive processes expanded	Cognitive processes thwarted
Time?	Time?
Capitalize on the strengths of the organization	Suffer its bureaucratic weaknesses
Train younger staff	Burden older staff

Types of Collaboration

- Divide and conquer
- Expertise
- Consensus

