



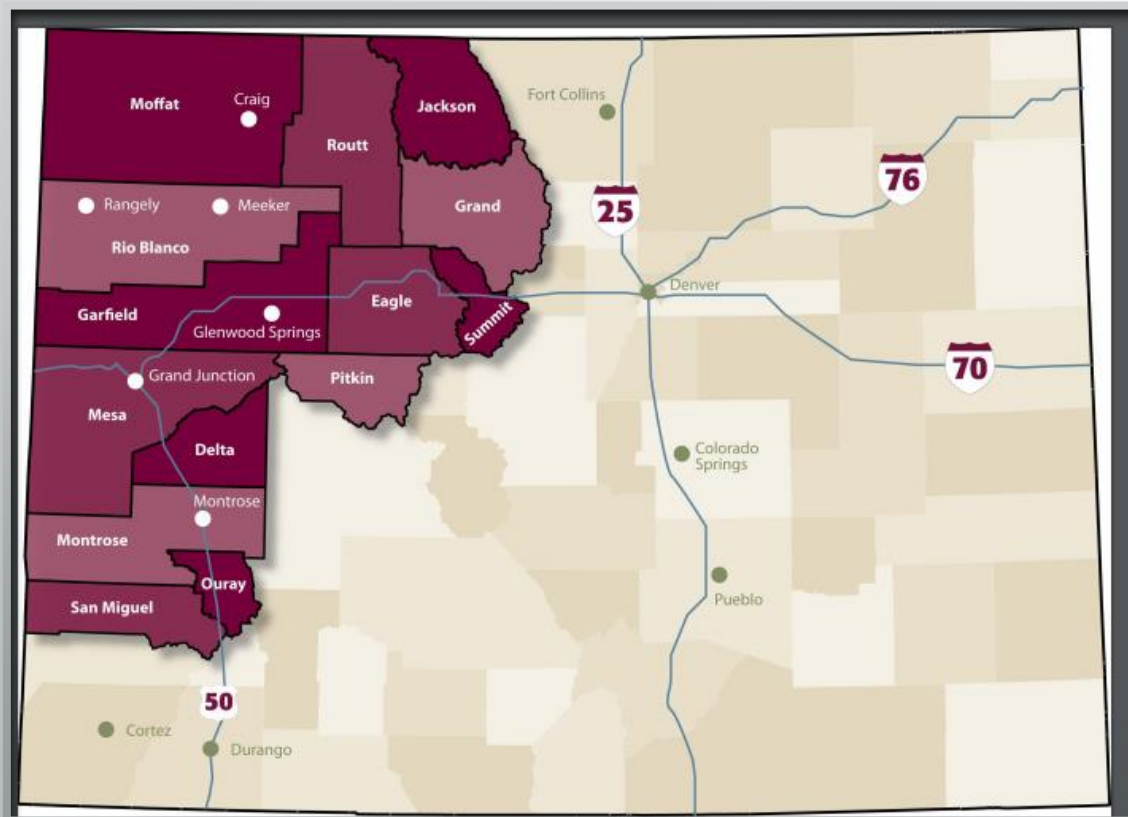
Writing Studios

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On the index card, please answer the following two questions:

- 1. What is one piece of information that you already know about the theory and practice of Writing Studios?**
- 2. What is one question that you have about Writing Studios?**

Background



What Are Writing Studios?

- **Courses to help students with their written assignments in a variety of courses.**
- **Spaces outside regular composition classrooms, not linked to a specific course, but still in a classroom with an instructor.**

Writing Studio Innovators

In 1992, Grego and Thompson implemented the first writing studio while at the University of South Carolina.

LINDA C. GREGO AND NANCY S. THOMPSON

Teaching/ Writing in Thirdspaces

The Studio Approach

Foundational Theory: Social Learning

According to Vygotsky (1978), social interaction helps individuals creatively build upon what they already know.





Research

- To use research to justify Writing Studios, one needs to be careful to make sure that the writing studio situations are similar.
- However, little research has been published on this topic in peer-reviewed journals.

Practice around the United States

Macomb CC

- Part of tutoring center.
- Students make appointments.

Pittsburg State

- Part of writing center
- Walk-in basis

University of the Pacific

- Weekly 2-hour courses

Practice at Colorado Mesa University

One credit-hour as a supplement

- *for students in dev English and first-year composition.*
- *for students in writing intensive courses*



Summary

- ***Writing studios*** can provide students with a collaborative writing space to work on their academic writing.
- ***Interpretation of this concept*** is varied across the United States; however, little research and few descriptive journal articles have appeared.
- ***At CMU***, Writing Studios are primarily for dev English students who are being accelerated into ENGC 090 and ENGL 111.

Discussion

- 1.** What further questions might you have?
- 2.** Who might benefit from Writing Studios at your school?
- 3.** How would you be able to use Writing Studios?