



# Writing for Change

RAISING AWARENESS OF DIFFERENCE, POWER, AND DISCRIMINATION

## 4.14 Abstracting and Synthesizing Information

### **Objectives**

Gain practice in abstracting and synthesizing information from a professional publication.

Develop an awareness of social justice issues as they operate in a particular major or field.

### **Materials needed**

Sample journal abstract

Pen and paper, or copies of the handout

### **Time needed**

Sixty minutes or more

### **Instructor directions**

Provide a sample abstract from a journal article that deals with the social justice issues focused on in your course.

Provide a separate sample article or suggest how students can locate similar articles.

Have students read an article and write an abstract of it, following the form and style of the sample you provided.



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### **Directions**

Examine the sample journal abstract for content, form, and style.

Obtain and read an article dealing with an issue of difference, power, or discrimination from a journal in your field.

Following the sample's form and style, synthesize and write an abstract of that article.