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Decatur, IL 62522. *What is an Assignment Like You Doing in a Class Like This?!*

Many students have trouble grasping conceptual ideas, communicating about mathematics, and connecting mathematics to the outside world. Using writing assignments is another way to encourage them to make the connections. If you have been trying to figure out where to use a writing assignment, stop trying to pick the exact right spot and just do it. In this session, I will share writing assignments/projects used in classes ranging from intermediate algebra to quantitative literacy to calculus. I will share ideas that have worked as well as others that were not so great. In addition, I will share assessment rubrics and students' work and comments. (Received September 25, 2006)