

Short Writing Assignment #1

Your first short writing assignment is to write a letter detailing your writing process and your strengths and weaknesses as a writer. For example: do you procrastinate a lot, or are you a well-structured writer who always starts her assignments days before they're due? Are you very concise, or do you need to work on cutting out unnecessary words and passages? Do you misuse punctuation (commas, semicolons, etc)? Do you vary your word choice a lot, or do you find yourself reusing or overusing certain words and phrases? Essentially you should identify what you think you need to work on the most and what you believe you're already doing well.

The assignment should be no less than two pages double-spaced, or about 500 words. Please use 12-point font and one-inch margins.

Remember: regardless of the assignment, you should still structure and organize all writing. A good approach would be to identify several strengths and weaknesses in an introductory paragraph and then expand on these elements in subsequent paragraphs. Please also remember to proofread; although this is a short and fairly informal writing assignment, what you turn in should still be polished.

PURPOSE: To think critically about yourself as a writer, practice your writing, and to help the TA identify where and how your writing needs the most work.

DUE: Weds., 6 Feb. by 1 p.m.