

Writing Process Inventory

Put a check mark next to the answers that *best* describes you as a writer.

I write for school...

- Never
- Only once or twice a semester
- Monthly
- Weekly
- Daily or close to it

I write for pleasure

- Never
- Only once or twice a semester
- Monthly
- Weekly
- Daily or close to it

When I have a paper that's due in a week, I usually start...

- The day it's due
- The day or night before it's due
- Several days before it's due
- Soon after I get the assignment

Before I start writing a draft, I...

- Finalize exactly what I want to argue
- Think over my ideas
- Think over my ideas and do some sort of prewriting
- Think over my ideas and talk them over with someone
- Think over my ideas, do some sort of prewriting, and talk them over with someone

While I'm writing a first draft, I...

- Work on a sentence until it's perfect and then move to the next one
- Work on chunks until I am fairly happy with my argument and then move on
- Throw some ideas down on the page without worrying how they sound yet

In constructing my argument, my first priority is...

- Avoiding errors in punctuation, spelling, and mechanics
- Sounding good
- Finding a position I can easily defend
- Exploring my ideas

Once I have a draft down on paper, my main goal is to...

- Hand it in; it's done

- Correct the grammar, spelling, and punctuation
- Make it sound good stylistically
- Fine-tune the organization and the argument by making minor changes
- Experiment with the organization and the argument, making major changes if necessary

I write multiple drafts of a paper...

- Multiple drafts? Never!
- Occasionally
- Often
- Always

When I'm working on a paper...

- I never show it to anyone
- I sometimes share my writing with others
- I often ask a friend, instructor, or someone else for feedback
- I always get feedback