

Writing Self-Assessment and Writing Center Conference

Your name: _____

Course #: _____ Course instructor: _____

Complete questions 1 through 5 before your conference at the Writing Center

Making good use of the writing process enables us to accomplish two things: (1) extend our thinking and (2) communicate and share our ideas with readers. The goal of this exercise is to improve your use of the writing process by developing your skills as a thoughtful reader of your own writing and identifying areas on which to focus attention as you write and revise.

1. To help you sort out some of the elements that comprise the writing process, we are providing the following list, prepared by the Writing Center to describe work in conferences.
 - Read the list and consider briefly the effectiveness of your writing process in dealing with each item.
 - Note the elements on the list about which you have questions or concerns.

Developing a project:

- ___ understanding the assignment
- ___ discovering or refining a topic
- ___ constructing a thesis
- ___ researching a topic
- ___ synthesizing and integrating research
- ___ deciding on a rhetorical strategy
- ___ developing ideas
- ___ supporting ideas
- ___ organizing ideas
- ___ clarifying ideas
- ___ becoming aware of an audience

Mechanical/grammatical points of writing:

- transitions (between paragraphs or sentences)
- ___ sentence structure (run-on's, comma splices, fragments, etc.)
- ___ paragraph structure (unity, topic sentences, etc.)
- ___ integrating quotations
- ___ capitalization
- ___ word usage (accuracy)
- ___ verb usage (verb tense, subject-verb agreement, passive voice, etc.)
- ___ pronoun usage (pronoun-antecedent agreement, consistent POV, etc.)
- ___ punctuation
- ___ spelling

For your meeting at the Writing Center:

Your name: _____

Date: _____

Writing Consultant's name: _____

In your meeting with the Writing Consultant, identify three specific goals you'll focus on to develop your writing skills this quarter and the strategies you'll use in order to achieve those goals.

Goal

Strategy

1.

2.

3.