

WP1: Exploring Who You Are As a Writer

For this assignment, you'll be asked to consider the various ways that you are a writer and come to a conclusion about the type of writer you are. For this assignment you will:

- Look at the various types of writing you do. This could be online (email, text messages, Facebook) or offline (homework, journals, grocery lists, notes). It could be formal (writing for school or work) or informal (writing for fun or social reasons). Basically, consider the various different circumstances in which you write.
- Analyze the types of writing you do. What do you write? Where do you write? To whom do you write? Which types of writing do you enjoy? Which types of writing do you hate?
- Based on your observations of your writing, you will need to **draw a unique or surprising claim about who you are as a writer**. Your paper should be organized around this point. All of your writing should be done to support this claim.
- To support your claim about who you are as a writer, you will need several sources. These can come by giving examples of your own writing (such as quotes from your writing or examples explaining your writing process), screen captures of writing you do online or photos of writing you do offline, or links to places where you like to write. The points that you make should be supported with **real evidence** from your writing to support those points.

Minimum Length: First drafts must be at least 900 words; revised and final drafts must be at least **1,200 words**.

Audience: The instructor and your peers within the class.

Additional requirements: All drafts must be typed, double-spaced, and in Times New Roman 12-point font. Please use 1-inch margins. All documents must be accessible through Microsoft Word (please use .doc or .docx format). Please name all attached files using your own name (i.e. RyanShepherdWP1.doc).

Your assignment will be graded on the following:

- **Clarity Depth of Claim:** The claim that you make about what type of writer you are is clear, explicitly stated, and unique or surprising.
- **Focus on Who You Are as a Writer:** Who you are as a writer is the clear focus of the paper. You do not go off on unrelated tangents or write about things that do not help support your central claim.
- **Adequate Support for Your Claim:** You have used evidence to support your central claim, be it in the form of quotes, screen captures, links, or other viable evidence. This evidence clearly helps to make your central claim stronger.
- **Content Organization:** You have organized the content of your paper in a reasonable way. Your information is easy to understand, and your points are easy to follow. There is both an introduction and a conclusion. The paper clearly presents a central claim, and the content is organized around that claim. Paragraphs are ordered in such a way that they cannot be reordered at random, but instead provide logical transitions between ideas.

- **Attention to Assignment:** You adhere to the assignment as presented above, including main objectives, word count, attention to audience, and the additional requirements. You clearly understand what the assignment is asking you to do and are attempting to do it.
- **Manuscript preparation:** The writer has made changes between drafts that reflect attention to both instructor and peer comments. The writer has made an effort to improve his or her paper.

First drafts are due on **Friday, July 8**

Revised drafts are due on **Tuesday, July 12**

Final drafts are due on **Thursday, July 14**

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