

Share one thing you learned from reflecting on your writing process for essays #1 and 2

When revising, think about the questions you want to answer (eg. why is this important to you, etc.)

A zero draft really helped! √√

Making a bullet pointed outline based off of key points from my zero draft was nice

If you really don't like your topic, re-writing the essay entirely can be easier than continuing the first draft. √

If you ever are stuck in a rut while typing your essay, try to write it on paper instead.

Get started early √√

Sometimes it's okay to have a fragmented rough draft because you're still working out your thoughts (not because you just procrastinated) by the time of the first peer edit

It's easier to write about your opinion, than convince someone an opinion

Write at a time of day that really works for you.

Don't force writing if you don't want to one night.

Starting with some real sense of where you're going can help to avoid multiple rewrites just before the deadline.√√

Picking a topic you really care about and having a direction in mind helped make my writing process smoother and the revision process shorter.√

If I start with an unstructured oth draft I tend to make a less structured essay. But if I start with a complicated structure, it's often too hard to start to write, so I procrastinate.

Also, procrastination isn't as positive as it seems while you're doing it.

Revision is the most important part of the process.

Writing a base in one sitting is helpful, because you can add more to it and delete irrelevant ideas.✓

Figuring out a clear direction of the essay before starting is helpful, instead of developing your ideas on the fly as you write.

Outlines help organize ideas. ✓

Food

Write down ideas BEFORE you forget them.✓

Share one thing you learned from hearing about your partner's writing process:

Actually set many personal draft/revision deadlines in addition to the ones already set by the assignment.

Highlighting things to organize is good

It's hard to make a thesis statement ✓

It's easy to write about ourselves and hard to convince other people. ✓✓

Outline basic ideas/direction you want to follow before writing.

Having a detailed outline is good! ✓

It's perfectly okay to ramble. Getting your thoughts out keeps you from stopping your process.

Essay 1 was easier to write (and harder to procrastinate) than essay 2. ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓

Make sure you really care about what you are writing about ✓

It's important to take breaks when writing for long amounts of time.

Different people have different writing processes. It's important to find a routine that works for you personally, instead of trying to do what other people do.

Thinking about your topic for long periods of time can make your first drafts writing stronger ✓

Highlighting! In different colors to separate key ideas

Brainstorming and writing in a stream of consciousness mindset first before writing a rough draft helps me find a focus for my essay and what direction I want to take with it.

Spending time just thinking about what you are going to write instead of actually writing is helpful. The ideas will be more concrete and developed when you start writing. ✓

It's easiest to write in our own voices. ✓

Sometimes deep aha moments aren't as deep and aha as they seem.

Ideas/ themes can still be good/ worth exploring even if the actual writing isn't so good. Do not just scrap drafts on a whim.