

Baseline Writing Task - Name

DIRECTIONS

→ Write a 1-2 page essay about your name.

→ In your essay, you should:

1. First, type your full name (first, middle, last) as the title of your essay. Please use an MLA heading and formatting

2. Then, spend some time reflecting on your name. **Try to organize your thoughts towards a unified thesis or idea.**

Some questions to help you think (you do NOT have to answer all of these questions): How did you get your name? What does it mean? Do you live up to that meaning? Has your name changed over time? How and why? How do you like your name? Do you feel your name "fits" or represents you? What nicknames have you gone by? What nationality or culture does your name represent? Are you named after someone? How do you feel about that? If you could rename yourself, what would you choose and why?

Rules:

1. No two sentences start w/ the same word

2. Should be 1-2 pages double spaced

3. For this essay— try to organize your thoughts and work towards a "flow" of your ideas by using transitions and a somewhat unified thesis

4. Feel free to use examples, tell stories, share experiences, and be creative.

5. This is EXPRESSIVE/REFLECTIVE writing—remember your purpose of writing at all times.

→ The main purpose of this task is to collect writing samples. You will receive full points for submitting an authentic response that follows the rules and shows you tried your best. :)