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### **Process Portfolio**

This reflective assignment asks you to examine your decisions, preferences, habits, strengths, and challenges as a writer; it also helps you recognize your growth in writing as the term has progressed. In addition, this kind of reflection allows you to better understand your writing process--something that plays a prominent role in the learning outcomes for this course and your growth as a writer over time.

Please answer the following questions. Your score for this assignment will not come from grammar or spelling, but rather from your level of detail and the depth of thought demonstrated in your response.

1) Writing often begins by generating ideas, a process scholars in composition studies call invention. Think back to a previous writing assignment for school or college. How did you decide what to write about? What work did you do to figure out what you'd say? How much detail did you put into the planning stage (e.g. an outline or concept map)? Now think about your process for our class. Did you do anything differently? Did that change help or hurt your writing process?

2) Another important step scholars focus on in composition studies is feedback. Thinking again about a previous writing assignment, what feedback did you receive on your work? Did you get feedback beyond what was required in the class? What motivated you to seek feedback? What kind of feedback helped you the most? Now think about our class. Did you do anything different in terms of getting input on your work? Was it helpful? Would you do it again on future writing assignments in other courses?

3) The final stage we usually think about in the writing process is revision. That's where we reread our writing to catch small details, work to integrate the comments we received from others, and check standardized elements like format. In previous writing assignments what was your process for doing revision? Did you do anything different for our course? Has it been helpful so far, or is there something else you plan to try next time you write?

4) Do you have any other comments or observations about the process we followed in this class to complete the assignment? Is there anything you think could be especially helpful for your work in the future? If you used a generative AI tool like ChatGPT now is a good time to share how much and in what ways to avoid potential issues with plagiarism.