

Week 1 Reflection and Personal Writing Goals

- **Due**
- **Points**
- **Submitting** a text entry box or a file upload (Turnitin enabled)
- **File Types** doc, docx, txt, and pdf
- **Available** after

This assignment is a chance to reflect on your own writing and make concrete goals that you would like to work towards during your time in this class.

Instructions:

After reading our class syllabus, reflect on which parts of our upcoming course and assignments you believe will be the most challenging to you. Using basic essay format, you should introduce and explain at least three issues you know that you struggle with in your writing skills and describe how you plan on improving in each of those areas throughout our course. These issues should be related to our planned course assignments and outcomes (for example, reflecting on how you struggle with writing poetry would not be appropriate for this assignment, as our course will not focus on poetry. On the other hand, writing about how you struggle with MLA format or organization of a research paper would be on topic, as our course will focus on both).

Requirements

- Type using Microsoft Word (or a compatible program like Google Docs).
- Document should be formatted to 12 point, Times New Roman (or equivalent) font, double spaced, with 1" margins on all sides.
- A heading in the upper left corner should include your full name, the course number (including the two-digit code e.g. ENGL 1), the date, and the name of the assignment.
- Title of assignment centered on page.
- Clear, short paragraphs that are direct and to the point. Each paragraph should have a clear topic sentence.
- Use standard spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and grammar.
- If you have written a similar assignment for another class (such as WR 121), do not submit the same essay, as Turnitin will recognize the similarities. It is okay if you have some of the same goals, but you should be sure to write this assignment to specifically focus on our syllabus and plans for this class.

Rubric

Criteria	Ratings				Pts	
This criterion is linked to a Learning Outcome Content/Quality of Writing: Includes three reasons with detailed, thoughtful explanation						
	10.0 pts Excellent	8.0 pts Good development/ Explanation	6.0 pts Needs more development	4.0 pts Undeveloped/Doesn't meet a	10.0	
This criterion is linked to a Learning Outcome Format/mechanics: Headings, margins, font, title, spacing, etc.						
	6.0 pts Excellent	5.0 pts 1 or 2 minor mistakes	4.0 pts Missing some parts/Issues with accuracy	3.0 pts Many errors/ Most parts incorrect/ Doe	6.0	
This criterion is linked to a Learning Outcome Sentence Structure/ Grammar/Punctuation						
	4.0 pts Excellent	3.0 pts Good: Some errors or minor inappropriate use of grammar, punctuation or sentence structure	2.0 pts Okay: Several errors in grammar, punctuation or sentence structure		4.0 pts	1.0 pts Needs Improvement: grammar, punctuation
Total Points: 20.0						