

Writing Process Exercises

Think back to the last two or three writing projects you completed—big or small, for school or not for school. For each project, describe as best you can everything you remember about how you completed the project from start to finish. Every single step. Don't leave out behaviors you might wish you hadn't done, like procrastination. Once you have described your process for each of the three projects, look for similarities and differences. What are the similarities? Can you explain the differences (i.e., you had more time or were more interested in the subject matter)?

Based on your analyses of your recent projects, and your experience writing overall, describe your writing process. As the semester continues, return to your description and edit it, as necessary. Your goal is to leave the course with a good idea of your writing process, so that you can have a more productive and positive writing experience in the future.