

## Writing Process Photo Essay Prompt

Whether or not you think of yourself as having a "writing process," you do. That is, you have a process you go through whenever you write, even if that process changes every time. It's more likely, though, that there are practices and activities that you tend to do each time you write, and this assignment aims to get you to reflect on them. Doing so is a first step to considering what aspects of your writing process are working well, and which you might consider changing in the future. For this assignment, you will compose a photo essay that combines text (approximately 500-750 words total) with photos to illustrate your process.

### Compiling Images

As you prepare for this assignment, you will need to take photos (or screencaps) that capture different aspects of your writing process. You should aim to have at least ten photos or images to include in your photo essay. Here are some questions to consider when compiling your images:

- What activities do you engage in as you write? How does the writing start? How does it end? What are the steps in between?
- Consider the environment(s) in which you typically write. In what settings or contexts do you write, and when you write, who or what is there with you?
- How do you do the writing? What tools and technologies do you use when you write?
- What are some of the habits, routines, or rituals you typically engage in as part of your writing process?
- What kinds of activities, environments, tools, or routines not typically considered "writing" are part of your process?

### Composing the Photo Essay

A photo essay combines text and photographs into a single composition. For this photo essay, you will need to arrange your images onto a page that you create on your WordPress blog. Use at least ten images, but be selective; more isn't necessarily better. Also, consider what order makes the most sense for your images, and how to arrange them on the page. You may intersperse text with the photos, or you could write a single reflection at the end of the photo essay (if you do this, provide short, descriptive captions for each image).

In your text, your main task is to describe and explain the writing process represented in the images. You should also address the following areas:

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- How typical is this of how you normally write? In what ways do you deviate from this process?
- What do you consider part of your writing process that you left out or was hard to represent?
- How well do you think this process works for you? In what ways are you satisfied or dissatisfied with your typical writing process?
- What would you change about your typical writing process, if you could?

### **Evaluative Criteria**

This assignment will be evaluated according to how it...

- Represents your writing process through images.
- Describes and explains your writing process in text.
- Reflects critically on your writing process.