

Writing Assessment Form

The following statements are designed to assess your own writing strategies and practices. For each item below, please mark the rating that best reflects your current experience in *academically related* writing assignments. Answering honestly and accurately will help you to generate a realistic picture of how you prepare for and follow through with your writing assignments. Once you are aware of what you do now, you can more easily choose where you want to make adjustments or improvements to increase your success in reading.

	Ratings			
Always	Never/Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Almost
1. I am familiar with and use a specific writing "process".	1	2	3	4
2. I determine the three key elements of my paper – the purpose, topic and audience before beginning to write.	1	2	3	4
3. I take time to carefully select and focus on my topic to fit the requirements.	1	2	3	4
4. I brainstorm for ideas and information and keep a record of them before writing.	1	2	3	4
5. I do some freewriting to develop my topic further based on what I already know.	1	2	3	4
6. I create a working outline and a clear thesis sentence prior to writing.	1	2	3	4
7. I write a first draft based on my work in the planning stage.	1	2	3	4
8. I revise critically to ensure the introduction, body, and conclusion fit together well.	1	2	3	4
9. I evaluate my paragraphs, sentences, and word choice to improve their impact.	1	2	3	4
10. I carefully edit, proofread, and correct my paper prior to turning it in on time.	1	2	3	4

Writing practices such as these can greatly increase the quality of your writing. By spending time in planning, creating drafts, revising, and editing, your paper

will better reflect the depth of your thinking and increase the value of your efforts.