

First-Year Writing

Narrative Essay

750 - 1,000 words

For your first essay, I'd like you to discuss the role of reading and writing in your life. What do you read? What do you write? Why do you read? Why do you write?

Your introduction should provide an interesting, original hook, and a set-up that draws readers into your discussion. Your thesis should come near the end of your introduction. Avoid listing your points; instead, aim for a thesis statement that the rest of your essay will explain and support. The body should use paragraphs to provide examples, illustrations, and anecdotes of your major theme (the role of reading and writing in your life). Spend some time thinking about effective transitions between body paragraphs. Organize your points thematically. Your transitions between paragraphs should address or suggest how the two paragraphs are related; aim for strong, interesting connections between and among your ideas and examples in the body. Your conclusion should avoid summary and instead tell readers something interesting or new or worth thinking about after they have finished reading your essay.

I will grade your essay on its content, organization, and clarity. Overall, I am looking for essays that engage meaningfully with the topic: What is the role of reading and writing in your life?

Please write your essay by hand, in a Blue Examination Book. I do not accept computer-assisted essays.