

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY[®]

Academic Success Center

Writing Process

Writing & Communication Consultations



- Writing & Communication Consultations services are **free** and includes both virtual and in-person appointment options.
- Consultations use a peer mentoring model and can cover all stages of the composition process and assist with course assignments as well as professional documents.
- For the most up-to-date information, please visit our website:
<https://www.asc.dso.iastate.edu/writingsuccess>

Agenda

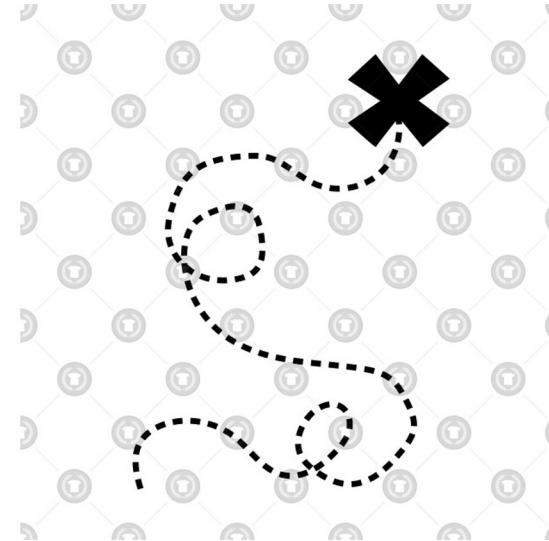


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- I. Writing process
- II. Procrastination
- III. Resources

Activity #1

When you write an assignment, do you focus more on the end result or how you're going to get there?



“Traditional” Writing Process



Kendall College. (n.d.) Writing process: Writing process home. *LibGuides*.
<https://guides.kendall.edu/writingprocess>

The writing process

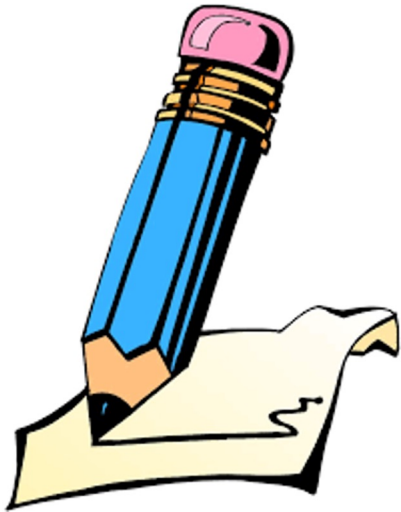
1. Prewrite
2. Plan & outline
3. Write a first draft
4. Redraft & revise
5. Edit & proofread



Caulfield, J. (2020). The Writing Process | 5 Steps with Examples & Tips. *Scribbr*.
<https://www.scribbr.com/academic-writing/writing-process/>

Activity #2

What is your typical writing process? (Not the ideal one and not the absolute worst.)

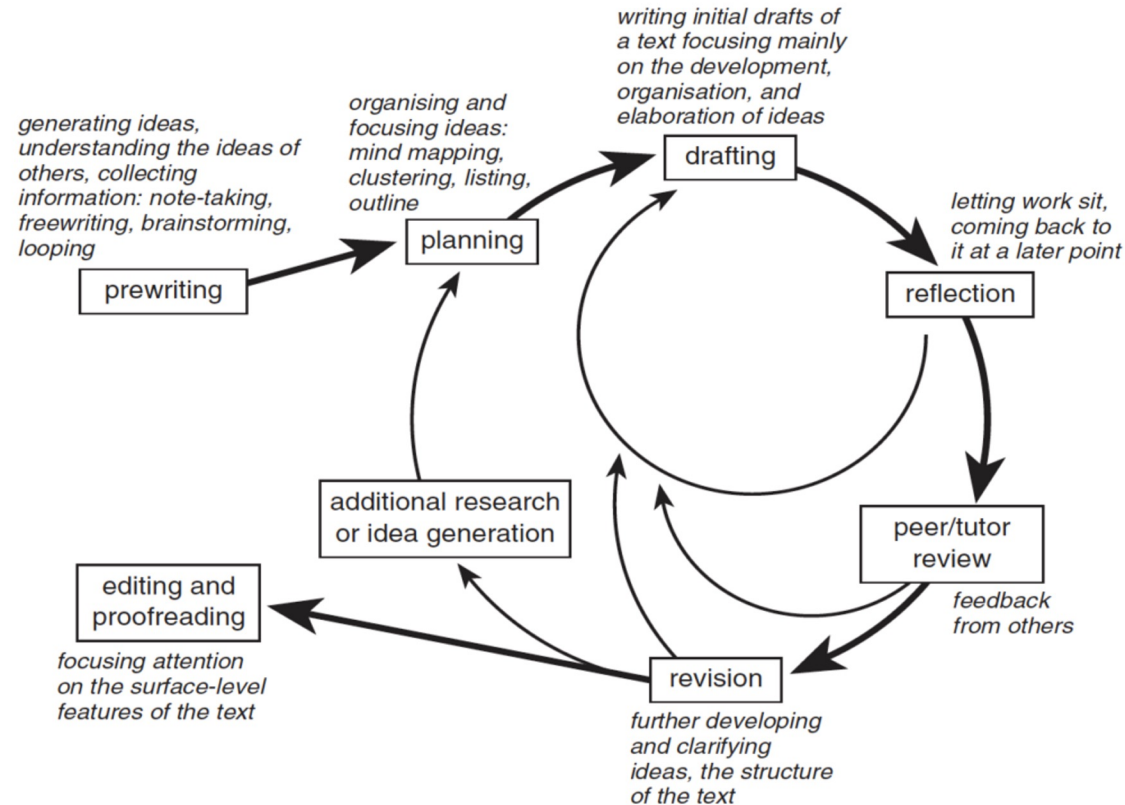


Any Example Steps Look Familiar?

- Read the whole assignment
- Guess the time it will take
- Make a schedule
- Ask the instructor questions
- Succumb to anxiety
- Brainstorm main ideas
- Draft the body paragraphs
- Get lost on the internet
- Go to the WCC
- Revise
- Word vomit or free-write
- Wait a day
- Draft the thesis statement
- Stare at a blank page
- Make notes to yourself
- Research online
- Have a friend read it
- Make an outline
- Submit your first draft five minutes before the deadline

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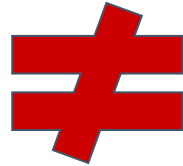
- Plot twist: There's no "typical" writing process!
- **Are there ways you could improve your writing process? What steps would you like to start doing differently?**



M.J. Curry and A. Hewings "Approaches to teaching writing," in *Teaching Academic Writing: A Toolkit for Higher Education*. New York: Routledge, 2003.

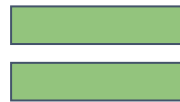
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Laziness

Procrastination



“The action or habit of postponing or putting something off; delay”

Getting Ahead of Procrastination



- Figure out *why* you are procrastinating.
- Make a big task into several smaller tasks.
- Set personal deadlines.
- Prioritize your to-do list (the semester-at-a-glance calendar from the Academic Success Center can be helpful with this process across classes).
- Make an appointment with Writing & Communication Consultations.
- Sign up for Academic Skills Coaching from the Academic Success Center.

Activity #3



1. Share your strategies for getting started/brainstorming with the people around you.
2. Are there ways you keep yourself engaged or avoid procrastination as you get started? What steps would you like to start doing?

ISU Resources



- Writing & Communications Consultations is here to help with *your* process or methods for writing.
- We are also here to help if your process stops working and you are interested in additional resources to help you within your writing style and goals.
- Grammarly Premium is a free resources available for ISU students: <https://grammarly.engl.iastate.edu>.

Outside Resources

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[Purdue Online Writing Lab](#)

- guides and exercises
- citation styles

[Colorado State University's Writing Guides](#)

- writing and speaking resources
- researching

[Simon Fraser University](#)

- Assignment Calculator for time management

[University of North Carolina's Writing Center Handouts](#)

- assignment-specific writing