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Writing Process

Agenda

- I. Writing process
- II. Procrastination
- III. What could I use AI for?
- IV. 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>



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



Activity #2

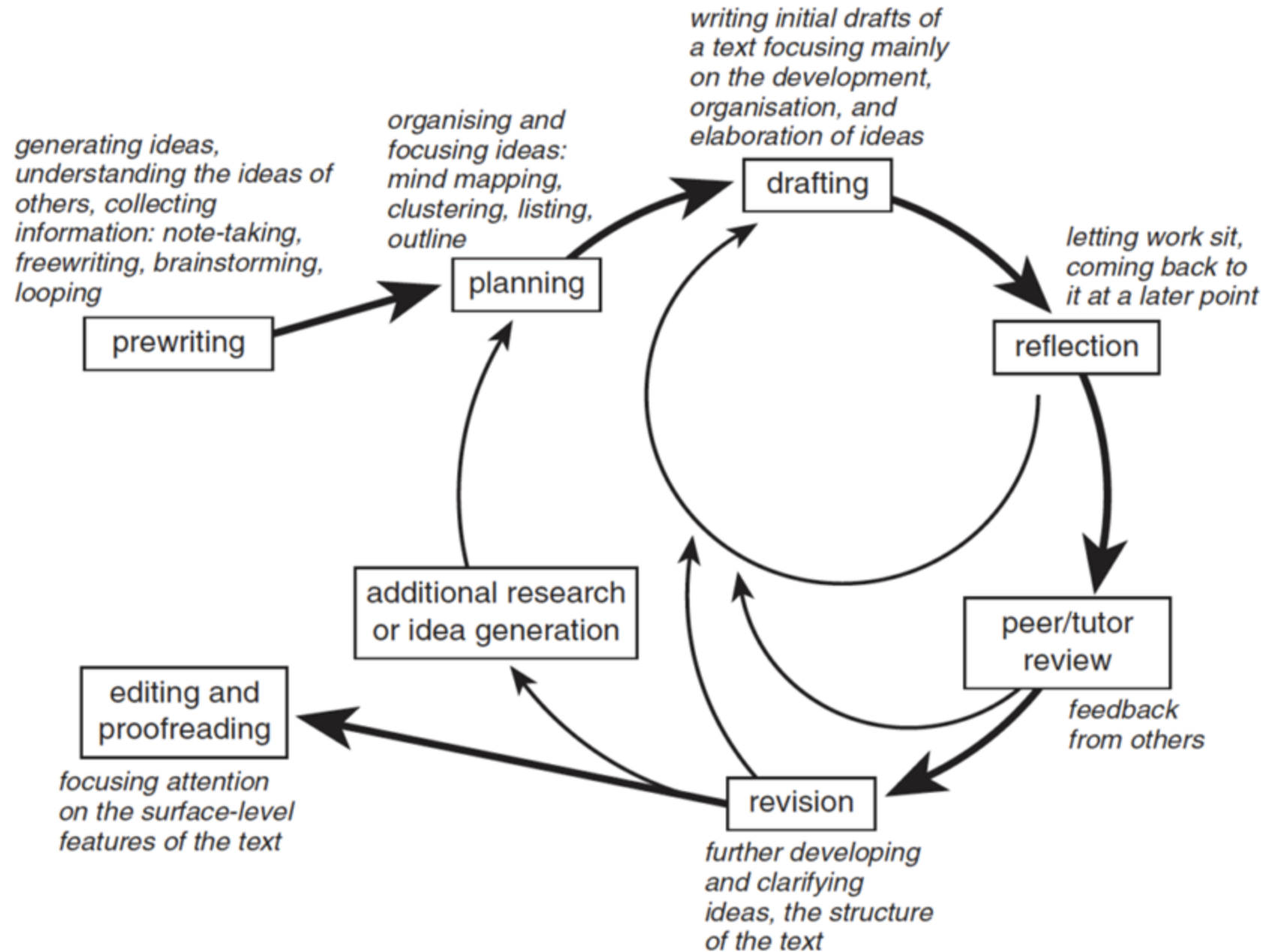
What are steps in your *typical* writing process?
(Not the ideal one and not the absolute worst.)

Any 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 ASC
- 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

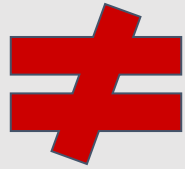
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- Plot twist: There's no "typical" writing process!
- Many steps are cyclical
- **Are there ways you could improve your writing process? What steps would you like to start doing differently?**



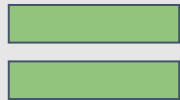
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Laziness

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. Coach us! 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>.

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Outside Resources

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

While AI may feel helpful, there are a number of pitfalls in addition to it constituting academic misconduct... Perhaps the syllabus doesn't speak directly to the use of AI – it is your responsibility to ask your instructor prior to using it. What is most important is that you are not using AI to **demonstrate** or **replace** your knowledge or understanding of the course content.

-Liz Luiken, Office of Student Conduct, emphasis added

For the most up-to-date information, check the Office of Student Conduct's Website: <https://www.studentconduct.dso.iastate.edu/>

Don't replace your writing process with AI!

Where could AI fit in your writing process?

- Generating ideas for keywords and related concepts about a topic
- Suggestions for databases to find information on a topic
- Coming up with ideas for counterarguments
- Checking grammar, sentence structure, synonyms, alternative phrasing
- Brainstorming
- Summarizing/rewriting notes
- Creating study schedules

WRITING & COMMUNICATION CONSULTATIONS

What is it?

- Appointments for individual or group assignments
 - Help with written, spoken, or visual projects
 - Not just for English classes!
- Personalized support from a trained peer tutor
- Common Topics
 - Organizing a paper
 - Revising a resume
 - Practicing a speech
 - Grad school application materials



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Appointment Types

- Meet in-person in Hixson Lied Student Success, or meet with your consultant online!
- All appointments are 45 minutes in length.
- Online appointments can be held on GoogleDocs, Webex, or a combination of the two.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2-5pm	9a-7p	9a-7p	9a-7p	9a-7p	9a-1p

How to schedule:

Scan this QR code:



or on the EAB Navigate App



Thank you for your feedback!

Workshop title:
"The Writing
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