

## Opening Survey

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Below are some questions to get you thinking about your own writing and teaching. The questions are meant to be a guide; feel free to disregard ones which seem irrelevant and to add other information.

1. What kinds of writing do you do most often?
2. When you write something for a class you're taking or for work, how do you usually go about it? (Describe your writing processes.)
3. Do you have any writing rituals? (Favorite materials? places to write? regular times to write? things you do before writing? etc.)
4. Do you ever give your writing to anyone else to critique before you "finish" it? What kinds of remarks are helpful to you?
5. Write down anything you remember about how you were taught to write, and about your reaction to that instruction.
6. Do you remember family or friends writing much when you were growing up?
7. What's your current attitude toward writing? Is writing a very necessary part of your life?
8. When writing, what do you find easiest to do? What is most difficult? (Or, what do you consider your strengths and weaknesses as a writer?) How do you usually feel about what you write?
9. What was the last book you read?

Once you've collected a few ideas, please write me a letter in which you tell me something about yourself.