



What Makes Writing So Important?

- > Writing is the primary basis upon which your work, your learning, and your intellect will be judged—in college, in the workplace, and in the community.
- > Writing expresses who you are as a person.
- > Writing is portable and permanent. It makes your thinking visible.
- > Writing helps you move easily among facts, inferences, and opinions without getting confused—and without confusing your reader.
- > Writing promotes your ability to pose worthwhile questions.
- > Writing fosters your ability to explain a complex position to readers, and to yourself.
- > Writing helps others give you feedback.
- > Writing helps you refine your ideas when you give others feedback.
- > Writing requires that you anticipate your readers' needs. Your ability to do so demonstrates your intellectual flexibility and maturity.
- > Writing ideas down preserves them so that you can reflect upon them later.
- > Writing out your ideas permits you to evaluate the adequacy of your argument.
- > Writing stimulates you to extend a line of thought beyond your first impressions or gut responses.
- > Writing helps you understand how truth is established in a given discipline.
- > Writing equips you with the communication and thinking skills you need to participate effectively in democracy.
- > Writing is an essential job skill.

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