FIRST TERM RESOURCE: WRITING PROCESS

The writing process includes the different phases of your writing – prewriting, drafting, revising, and editing.

Prewriting
Prewriting is the writing you do before creating a draft of your paper; it’s a way of getting ideas on paper. Prewriting includes freewriting, brainstorming, mapping, outlining, and cubing and allows you to discover what you know, what interests you, and what you want to explore about the topic. [Discover prewriting strategies here.]

Drafting
Drafting is the process of getting down the paragraphs that will eventually create your paper. There are many techniques to drafting. Some authors write chunks of information at a time. Other writers may sit down for a marathon session and type out an entire draft at once. A goal of drafting is to develop a discussion that has a beginning, middle, and end, also called the introduction, body, and conclusion. The resources on writing [introductions and conclusions] and [body paragraphs] provide additional tips.

Revising
Revising is changing and improving the content (paragraphs, transitions, order of ideas) of your draft. As you revise, try not to be too attached to your writing. Put yourself in your reader’s place when trying to decide what content should stay, what should go, and what needs to be added. [The Easy Revision Podcast] provides additional tips.

Editing
Editing is when you correct errors in your sentences, errors of grammar, punctuation, word use, and sentence variety. One simple way to begin the editing process is to read your paper out loud. For more editing tips, refer to the [Editing and Revising] resource.

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