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Writing is the most important aspect of the world. Writing holds us to our ancestors and a world we never saw but know now because they wrote for us. Writing will allow future generations to get a grasp of who we are and how they came to be. I enjoy writing more than I enjoy other activities in my day to day life. I do wish, though, that writing for school did not have to have as many guidelines as it does. I believe the guidelines and rules for papers may add structure for assignments, but at the same time not allow students to really break out in their papers. Someday I want to write for myself and not a grade or a teacher. If people took a view on writing, as an act of personal enjoyment, a lot more people could leave their mark on the world and not just an English class.

Thomas Shadle

Writing is an excellent way to put down creative ideas on paper, so instead of such ideas possibly being lost in your mind, you can simply find the paper you wrote them on, and draw from them future ideas or projects. Not only creative writing benefits from this, but also essays as well. Once the ideas are written, you can organize them better, thus leading to a better essay. Also, when written down, you can discard ideas that seemed great at first, but fall short on a later review. This leads to better creativity when doing this in your spare time, but also helping your essays appear more professional than including every random line of thought that entered your mind.

Kaaran Singh

I believe that writing is a tool that all human beings should take advantage of. I believe that we should be thankful of having the ability of learning to write because there are many benefits of having the ability. Writing is something you can do to express yourself and your beliefs. When you write, you can let your imagination run wild and write whatever comes to mind. It's something that can make you mentally stronger because there is always a thought process when it comes to writing. No one can ever stop you from writing what you want, and I believe that's important because in writing you express what you believe. We should be thankful for writing because not everybody has the chance in life to do so.

Sagar Joshi

In English 1101, my writing skills have been improved a lot since I became more familiar with new writing styles that I had never used before. Drafting a Reporting, Citing courses and Arguing/ commenting on a given event or a position are some of the useful tactics. I have learned throughout the semester. These skills are hand-on and I will be using it for the rest of my life since writing a good paper is a very important quality a person can possess. All the papers I have written so far have helped me gain enough confidence to carry on with my further English courses and I'm glad that I have made the correct choice of taking this class to improve/enhance my knowledge.

Hattie Buell

Writing seems to me a very hard but gratifying occupation. The brain power and organization necessary to propel words from the mind to paper is huge. And most of the stuff that does come out turns out to be no good. A few lucky people enjoy writing from the start and words seem to flow from the smoothly and eloquently. Others have to be pushed and stretched until something finally clicks and they wake up to the realization that they like writing. If one is not good at writing, or does not work at it, it can easily become the bane of his/her existence. It requires effort, dedication, and creativity. No one likes to read the boring words of an unimaginative author. But a clever, interested author can make even the most dreary subject enticing.

Brandon McGowan

In my view writing is at least better than reading. It takes more energy and work. Reading is to watching TV as writing is to acting/directing a TV program. Few people get paid to read, but many get paid to write. A good writer can go farther than a good reader financially. Writing is broken up into steps just like any creation. I think writing is a good skill to have in this country because most people have to write almost everyday. In this class I have learned how to write in many ways. I learned to write a narrative, an evaluation, and analysis, and other types of writings. I learned how to cite and use sources correctly. Sources are what give your paper credibility. Now that I have more advanced skills in writing, I am confident that I can write in any situation and even take a higher English class. My writing still needs a lot of work, but it is an improvement from before.

Grace Blevins

What else is writing than a perfect way to clearly define the way you uniquely perceive the world? I view writing as an opportunity to separate myself from an anticipated, acceptable, or expected response. I highly value the ability to see things differently from others. Making an argument, proving a claim and in doing so, making a deeper realization of something you observe in the world is what I strive for in my writing. Creating something new is never easy, but one should never take for granted the distinctive qualities of their thought process.

Laurel Kunath

Most of our thoughts are not organized. They pass by without notice and are forgotten quickly. I enjoy having the ability to turn a series of thoughts into a concrete story or argument that can stand on its own. When I write, the process is more than just putting words on a page. It is expressing my thoughts. It is realizing these thoughts, analyzing them, and making them better. It is a constant process of renewal and improvement that helps me to better know myself and understand others. What truly amazes me that writing can take on a life of its own. It can develop new meaning each time it is read, because the context of a person's life is constantly changing. Furthermore, words can travel farther than the writer can. They can travel across borders, across cultures, and across generations, and still have a significant impact.

Olivia Spadlowski

Writing is cathartic liberation. It is the ability to let go and fall. It is through writing that one can present themselves as they truly are, or as they truly wish to be. It is the past, the present, and the future. It is ideas and beliefs. It is love and passion and, sometimes confusion. It is desperation and despair, communication and secrecy. Writing is a release, to let go of thoughts that fill the mind, the ability to see elusive thoughts. It is adjectives, metaphors, similes, and the power of connotation. The power of words and the ability to use them to one's personal will is a great privilege a human being has. Writing is mind vomit: a purge of dreams and hopes. Writing is poetry, no matter what, a painting with letters. Writing may not always make sense. Writing is intangible. Writing Is Expression.

Daniel Czyzewicz

Writing to me is a form of release. It is a gateway to a place not accessible anywhere else, and a way to tap into my creativity and give life to things that could otherwise only exist in my imagination. When I find myself wracked by some emotion too potent to express verbally, or I have no one to express it to, I sit down and write. Writing is a place where I feel empowered. The one place in my life where I know I am completely in control, and I can make what I want of it. To me, it's something like an old friend. And as we all know, an old friend can at times be the dearest of all.