

## **A Collage of Descriptions of the Writing Process for Essay #1**

I found myself stopping a lot to go back and re-read to make sure everything flowed correctly. I found my main struggle was with description and trying to show the reader what was physically going on. From start to finish on this story I struggle with detail and showing the audience what was going on. It was definitely an inner battle. In my head saying the sky was blue is descriptive enough but from an audience perspective it needs more and that was a challenge.

The moment I started writing the essay, I was already defeated in my mind before the pencil start to write. Why? I began to think on my past and how I never like to write because I didn't think I could express my thoughts like I needed to. I felt dumb just in that moment. Then I start reading my peers essays and I was like "OMG" these people can really write. During my writing process, I found that my biggest obstacle was myself. Originally, I wrote my first draft about a different story completely. I then began to question my story.

When writing the story it was a lot of write a couple lines than sit there and try and think back and see what would come next then attempt to make that into writing. I struggled to make ideas match my writing. Overall, I would have to say I had a strong beginning in my writing process but then it got weaker as I went along. I started out strong but felt lost after awhile. My writing felt all over the place and unorganized. When I was in between writing the essay, I would think of details or have an idea for description but never write it down. The next time I sat down to continue my essay, I would have already forgotten my thoughts. I felt frustrated during the process.

I couldn't find ways to be creative and I was starting to realize that my story didn't really flow because it was so choppy and I wrote everything in a vague way. I started to get angry and I wanted to give up and not change anything because I could not figure out how to fix the structuring problem and using descriptive diction. But I slowly changed the story sentence by sentence instead of trying to fix everything all at once and it really helped me by adding a few descriptive words in each sentence and creating sentences that helped it flow.

Throughout my essay I had found myself having to brainstorm on how certain things might've or could've sounded, and looked. I needed to make sure I was still delivering the story smoothly, by blending these incorporated ideas.

I began writing down simple ideas as for the events that had happen in my story, as I wrote down mini details on what had happen during that event. I kept on writing just letting every detail I had as when I got to the end I was amazed to see the how many words I came up with at the end as there was more than a thousand words.

## Themes of the Writing Process

- The theme of my writing process story would be that freely writing with an open mind can lead to an interesting story. Do not stress over the guidelines in your first draft; just write.
- The theme I would choose for my writing process would have to be "Practice Makes Perfect". I choose this theme because it describes my work so well. My first story started rocky but the more I worked on it the better it got. I could see the differences and I shocked myself with how much progress I have made.
- "Read and reread. And then read again." It seems that I would read a passage, find an error, correct the error, and then begin to read the same passage again from the start. I tried to read it from outside of my own perspective as well.
- I would have to say that my theme would be "feedback is a good source"
- After rereading my narrative on my writing process, I believe that I spent a lot of time on brainstorming my ideas and jotting them down on paper. When I wrote my descriptions, I felt that I could then write my essay easily. I think my writing process was written in a flow or natural manner. That would definitely be my theme because before I began writing I knew what was going to where so it made it easier for me write without being choppy.
- I feel like it was all a struggle, until I got some help and an objective viewpoint from someone who wasn't a friend, peer or family member. It definitely helped put my own criticisms in perspective as well as the feedback I'd received from my classmates in the peer responses.
- If my writing style had a theme i think you would probably call it slow, but that may have just been from this one trying to get the long lost ideas on to the paper.
- My theme would be perseverance because at first I just wrote random things and struggle in making it more detailed and having it make sense.
- I think the "theme" of my story about my writing process would be "insecurities" because of how I held back from the emotional and kind of big issues surrounding this story because I was afraid to lay all of that personal stuff bare. But I know that as a writer, it's important to be honest in my writing and to be transparent in order to keep my audience's trust that I am telling this story to the best of my abilities.
- I guess you could say my "theme" for my writing process would be struggle and mediocrity. It was a struggle to write this essay from the very beginning all the way to the end. It felt like mediocre work until my last draft where I was able to break through my writer's block and actually describe step by step my mothers' fear of the cows and how she ran from them. After that I felt I felt accomplished.
- My theme would be "keep going" I know I got to just keep going because as long as I do I at least have a starting point and something to work with.