

Thinking Piece: My Theory of Writing

Purpose: This essay assignment will help you formulate your own argumentative theory of writing with support from your past experiences and the reading in this unit. As we noticed in the readings, the theory can be summarized in a short phrase such as "writing is thinking" "writing is social" or "writing is collaborative." Understanding your theory of writing will help you approach other writing assignments.

Prepare: Your theory of writing should not be identical to the ones we read about in the article. You may begin by reflecting on your own experience with writing and what has worked for you in the past to help you formulate your own theory. You may consider writing strategies that worked in previous classes, or strategies you've struggled with. After considering your past experiences, compare them with the article we read in class. In your essay, identify and name the strategies you think you have experienced and turn them into a new theory of writing.

Product: Write a 1-2 page persuasive essay with proper MLA formatting. This can follow a traditional five-paragraph structure that we have been using throughout this course, or you may try following the structure of the article by introducing the theory of writing (including your thesis "writing is..."), giving strategies that support this theory of writing (your experiences) and why, and how it works in the classroom for you. Submit a word or PDF document.