

Free Write Assignment

At the start of most classes, you are given a text and prompted to write about it. You can write about the text presented to you, write something inspired by the text, or write anything related to a topic in the text. At the end of the term, you will be asked to put one of your free writes through a thorough editing process to create a polished work.

Your final draft can be either fiction or non-fiction. Fiction can range from poetry to short story to drama. The non-fiction can range from memoir to essay to article to review.

The editing process is crucial. You need to demonstrate that you are going through a thorough process.

Process

Step 1 – Organize your free writes

If they are very short, add to them. The expectation is 5-10 minutes of writing which equates to a minimum of a large paragraph or two.

If you missed more than two free writes, see Mr. Kent for some prompts.

Step 2 – Create a table of contents for your free writes. This step could also be done at the end.

Step 3 – Type up your favorite free write.

Step 4 – Thoroughly edit your text. You will likely need to expand your ideas to meet the length requirement. Ensure that it is thoughtful, organized, proofread, and the appropriate length.

Make the necessary changes.

Step 5 – Have a peer closely edit your work. They should look to improve mechanics, usage, and grammar. They should also include other comments about the text and suggest improvements.

Make the necessary changes.

Step 6 – Proofread your text one last time. This step is to ensure that typos and other mistakes don't get included in the polished text. Make the necessary changes.

Step 7 – Print and hand in



What needs to be submitted

- A table of contents for your free writes
 - Include date, free write prompt, description of your free write
 - Example: September 14th, Song: “A Boy Named Sue”, A story about a dog named Cat
- Your free writes
 - They do not need to be typed. They should be what you wrote in class
 - You may have a maximum of two missing free writes due to absences
- Polished Text
 - Final copy of your 300 – 500 word text
 - Original

Evaluation Criteria

- Completion of Free Writes
- Use of the Editing Process
- Language Conventions (M.U.G.)
- Purpose and Organization of Polished Copy

Weighting

- 30% of the Writing Competency