

Writer's Journal Description

The Writer's Journal assignments in ENG 101: First-Year Composition are designed to help students practice writing, exercise successful "habits of mind," incubate ideas for the major writing projects, and reflect upon their growth as writers in an environment that is part private, part public, tentative, and provisional.

There are 20 journal assignments in ENG 101. These assignments have been designed with a number of purposes in mind. Some entries will provide a space for the generation of ideas. Other entries will help students practice working with skills and concepts learned in the course. Perhaps most importantly, these writing journals are a place for students to reflect on the course, their work, and even their identities.

Students will assess each Writer's Journal themselves based on a Writer's Journal rubric. This self-assessment provides yet another moment of reflection, and it gives students another opportunity to practice reading their work with specific purposes in mind.

For information on specific Writer's Journal assignments and prompts, see the appropriate Writer's Journal assignment.