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1. What kinds of science writing have you done?

What I’ve had to for school, so almost none

1. What does “rhetorical context” mean to you? (Not a quiz—I’m just trying to establish our starting point.)

The setting in which a writing takes place, ie who the audience is, who the writer is, what point the writer is trying to get across, the topic of the writing etc.

1. What audiences have you written for, either in school projects or nonacademic writing?

Teachers mostly

1. Please describe a time when your goal for writing and the person(s) you were writing to shaped choices you made as a writer.

No specific time, but I do write very differently depending on whether I’m communicating with a friend via text or to a teacher with an essay

1. What is your favorite journal that includes writing about science? Why is it your favorite journal?

I do not actively read it, but I used to read a lot of popular science, mostly because it was fairly accessible and covered a variety of topics.

1. What would you like to get out of this course?

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