

Growth Reflection #1

Reflection is the fire in which real learning is forged. If we don't think closely and critically about our practice in anything we do--ranging from basketball to playing piano--our growth tends to happen at a snail's pace. On the other hand, when we reflect on how we are changing, our growth tends to be turbo-charged.

With that in mind, your homework is to write a one-page, double-spaced reflection on the following questions:

- How have you grown as a writer since the beginning of the course? When doing this, make sure to be specific. For example, don't just say, "I'm a better writer." Instead say something like, "I realized that I used mostly short sentences, which made my writing choppy. In my narrative, I did a much better job of varying my sentences, which gave it a smoother feel." Also, please reference specific triumphs from the papers you wrote in class. Some specific topics you can talk about include:
 - ◆ Word choice
 - ◆ Showing, not telling
 - ◆ Creativity
 - ◆ Parallel structure
 - ◆ Sentence length variation
 - ◆ Not overusing "to be"
 - ◆ Make me care techniques (indirect characterization, right details, imagery, and literary devices)
 - ◆ Organization
 - ◆ Any other way your practice has improved.
- What do you still need to work on as a writer and how do you plan to work on these things? Please be specific about this too, and I suggest using our rubrics for the first two papers.

This reflection will be graded entirely on following directions, engaging with the topic, and your depth of thought. If you give it a good effort and provide specifics, you should be in a good position to get full points!