

PAST TOPICS: ORAL PRESENTATIONS ON WRITING ISSUES

Below are the types of topics students have presented in past semesters. Consult oral presentation handout for details of the assignment.

Writing and Autobiography Issues

Confronting “Writer’s Block”/Procrastination
Dealing with the Inner Critic
The Benefits of Writing and Reading Autobiography/Memoir in Community Settings
(e.g., with veterans, seniors, prisoners, homeless people)
Writing Dialogue and Internal Monologue Effectively
Describing Settings Effectively
Crafting Introductions
Crafting Conclusions
Avoiding Cliches
Choosing Metaphors (simple and extended)

General Writing Issues

Writing Effective Topic Sentences in Paragraphs
Creating Effective Transitions Between Paragraphs/Sections of an Essay
Fixing short, choppy sentence patterns; correcting sentence fragments
Editing wordy or run-on sentence patterns
Correcting Misplaced or Dangling modifiers
Correct Usage of Commas and Semicolons
Effective Use of Adjectives and Adverbs
Avoiding Homophone Errors

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