

## Multigenre Essay

### 1. Recipe

## How to become a Strong Writer in a Few Easy Steps



#### Ingredients:

- One college student (first-year only)
- One pen or pencil (depending on the writer's choice)
- More than five pieces of paper or a computer if you have one
- One dictionary
- One thesaurus
- Two erasers (one is fine if that is all you have)
- Willingness to learn and better oneself
- New ideas and thoughts to develop
- Patience
- Energy Drink(optional)

#### Recipe Instructions:

1. The first step in becoming a strong college writer is first to become a college student. If you are not one, this recipe will not work well.
2. Depending on what you like to use more, a pen or pencil and paper or a computer, make sure that is the only thing you are focused on. Whenever you decide to write and develop your thoughts, make sure to have a clean work environment and space to focus primarily on the one thing at hand, which is writing.
3. It is always best to have a dictionary and thesaurus at hand if you need help with your vocabulary. However, the one thing to look out for is words you might not know. Never replace a term believed to be a synonym with another word to sound smart. This could be catastrophic to your writing and hard to understand for your audience.
4. When working on paper, it is also best to have an eraser just in case of an occasional mistake. It is ok if it does because it is human nature to mess up once in and while.
5. Before starting the writing, two things must be present before any writing can start. One essential ingredient is the willingness to learn and better oneself. Not every college student that begins to write has all the tools already prepared and ready for use. There is always room for growth and development, no matter the writing stage and level. The other essential ingredient is new ideas and thoughts that develop into the writing piece. Before any writing can start, ideas need to be formed. Not entirely, but they are there to further develop through hard work.
6. Lastly every college student might already know this ingredient, but patience is the key ingredient. Even though it may seem simple at the start, this recipe needs time and patience to develop into the best result that one can make. Being a writer needs time to develop and patience to have it develop at its own pace.
7. The last ingredient is optional but was required for various writing assignments and essays throughout the year.

## 2. Letter

Dear First-Year College Student,

I am not a writer in how you may be thinking. Although being a writer may seem complicated, time-consuming, and hard to accomplish, it is not as bad as it looks. At the end of my first full year at Western Oregon University, I enjoyed almost every second. I, of course, have had to write many essays and assignments throughout the year, but it has made me a stronger writer as a result. From my perspective, I feel like I am exiting the tunnel on a long road trip which I like to call my college career. Even though it might look never-ending when first looking inside, the tunnel is just the journey to get to the end result.

When I first arrived for my first class during the fall, it seemed scary. I was constantly taking notes and barely absorbing the information the professor was saying because I was too focused on writing everything down in my notes. Then I had to write my first college essay, and let me tell you, I was very nervous. Probably more nervous than you. I wrote it once, then looked over and rewrote it. Do you want to guess how many times? About five times. I know! Looking back, I can't believe I did that. I wasted so much time rewriting when I could have been watching Vampire Diaries for the millionth time. (Highly recommended, by the way, 10/10) Anyway, I believe you get the point. Don't think everything you write is terrible, and rewrite it repeatedly. It is ok if you make a few mistakes because, guess what, that is how you learn. I always like to believe in the phrase, "It is ok to make mistakes because if you don't, how will you learn." My mom said that to me, and it has stuck ever since.

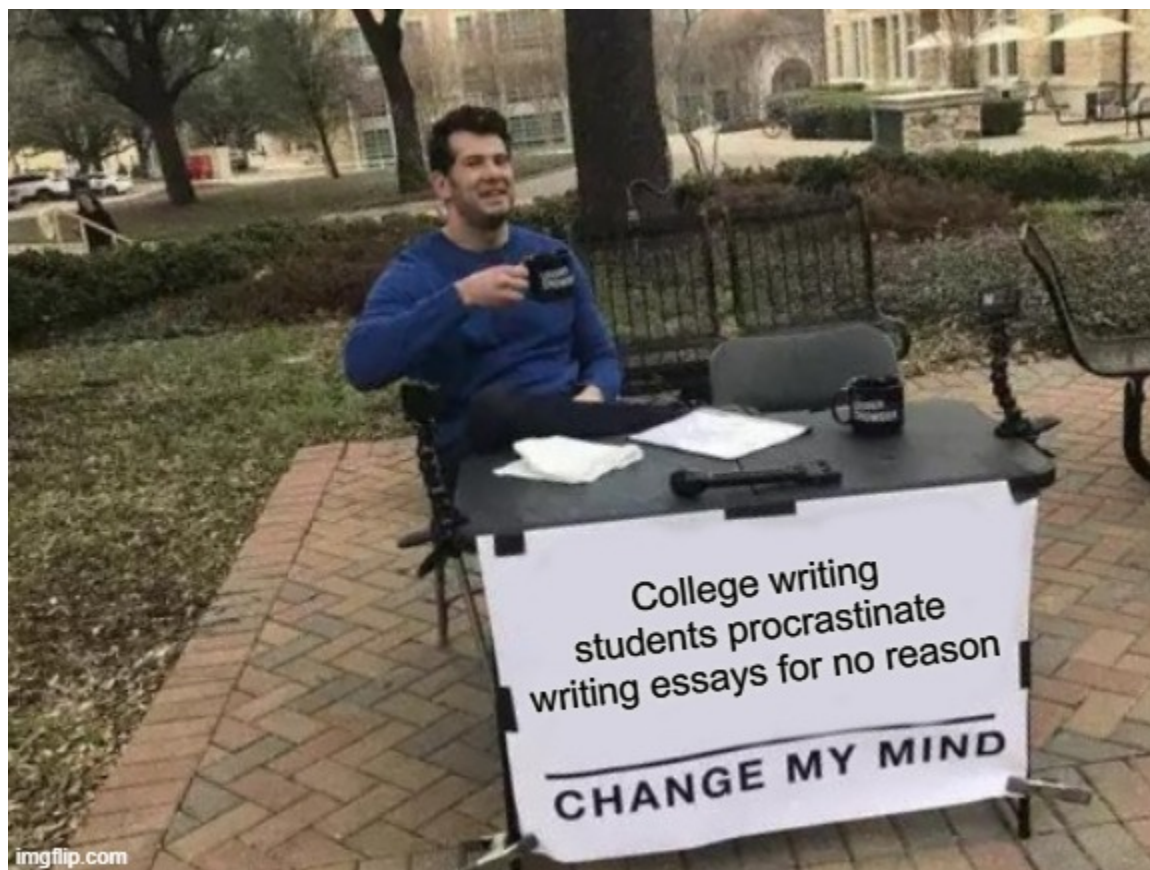
I hope your college year starts off great, and you don't become a constant worrier as I did, and I think you turn out just fine.

Sincerely,

Torie Arnold

P.S. Don't overthink it and have a great time!!

3. Meme



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#### 4. Newspaper Article

## **The Impact Writing has on First-Year College Students in the year 2021-2022**



Alexis Whittle (freshman) is writing in her dorm for her final in her Creative Writing class this term.

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College writing courses across the nation have been trying to bounce back after the onslaught due to the COVID pandemic. Without the ability to compare and contrast writing classes, first-year college students have changed their views for the better.



Alexis Whittle, a first-year college student ending her first year, has described her experience in her writing classes to be “different but not difficult.” Whittle said, “my expectations versus my experiences are on completely different spectrums. I thought college would be more challenging, but this year has blown right by even though I have had some bumps in the road.”

A total of [3 million college students](#) are currently taking a writing class for this academic school year, but only 300,000 of the 14 million students enrolled in a university are pursuing writing careers. This number is predicted to change as more students change their views towards writing classes as a whole.



Sally Crater, currently a junior at Bunifer University located on Easter Island, said, “my writing class for my first year was quite dull, and it didn't provide me with much

information, but this year when I was required to take a writing course to graduate the teaching, was more fun and energetic.”

Although many college students would agree on the current likeability status of college writing courses that they are becoming more fun and easier to learn, it is likely to change shortly.

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5. Flyer

Western Oregon University

# UPCOMING

First Year College Student  
Writing Advice Seminar

Sept  
28

**Starting September 28, there will be a two-hour-long seminar discussing tips and tricks on various college writing courses.**

### What to Expect

- **Learn how to create ideas and become more imaginative in your writing pieces**
- **What the staff is most likely to expect your writing to look for various courses and levels of writing**
- **How to write more professionally or creatively based on your preference**
- **You will learn how to see your vision more clearly and with a more open mind**
- **How to revise and edit your writing pieces more effectively**
- **And have fun!**

Food and Beverages will be provided for.

For more information:  
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