

English 1010, Section 024  
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IN-CLASS WRITING #1  
MONDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER

This assignment will be completed in two parts. Please allow ten minutes for the first section and forty minutes for the second section. If you finish this writing exercise early, *be sure to* take the time to read over what you have written, checking for errors in sentence structure and spelling as you go.

PART ONE: Ten minutes

Please recall one of the comparisons between writing and some other endeavor that we discussed in class last Wednesday. There were many interesting comparisons used by students to make writing seem less foreign. Please write a brief paragraph in your blue book discussing the ways in which the activity you have chosen compares to writing. How is it similar? If you do not remember any of the examples used in class, please pick a new one for today.

PART TWO: Forty minutes

In your blue book, please write a structured essay in which you consider the ways in which writing differs in various circumstances. In class we discussed how your style of writing, like your style of speaking, depends on the circumstance in which it is used. We read various kinds of letters, written for various purposes. Now, in this essay, pick two different circumstances and compare the ways in which your writing would differ in each. An obvious choice would be the ways in which a "formal" letter to a corporation would differ from a letter to your grandmother. You may use this example, but I encourage you to think of a new one. Think of how your "rhetorical sensitivity" to the circumstances you have chosen dictates how you would write in each.