

## Week 2: Introduction to College Writing

My guess is, if you were not required to take this course by evil college administrators who want nothing more than to see you suffer, there is NO WAY you would be here. Nobody likes writing college papers. Heck, I didn't even like writing them, and I ended up teaching them!

The big question is, why? I mean, we communicate all day long. We have opinions on EVERYTHING. So why do we hate communicating and writing essays in which we get to share our views on things?

I have some ideas on this, and they are included in chapters 1 and 2 of your textbook. They're not very long, but hopefully you will find that they explain things well. This week we'll read those chapters and get some ideas about both why writing college essays is such a pain, as well as what's required to write well.

So read the chapters and then go to the discussion forum and see the opening question I've posted there. Post your reply and then participate with your classmates through the week. By the end of the week you will need to complete a short summary exercise about writing effective essays.

Enjoy!

### **READING**

**Chapters 1 and 2 in *The Super Compact Guide***

<http://public.wsu.edu/~mejia/Summary.htm>

### **EFFECTIVE WRITING DISCUSSION FORUM**

Once you've completed the reading, go to the Effective Writing Discussion Forum link. Review my opening question and respond, and then respond to at least TWO of your classmates throughout the week.

### **SUMMARY EXERCISE**

By midnight Sunday night, submit summary exercise. Click the link under Topic 2 in the course and follow the instructions posted there. Complete this in an MS Word document and attach the document in the assignment screen.