

## Personal Writing Assessment

1. What is your earliest memory of reading and your earliest memory of writing?
2. How did you learn to read and/or write?
3. What sense did you get, as you were learning to read and write, of the *value* of reading and writing, and where did that sense come from?
4. Who are some of the people in your life who have acted as literacy sponsors? How have they acted as such?
  
5. What images come to mind when you hear the term “writer”?
6. What is your current attitude toward writing?
7. Can you recall particular experiences in your past that influenced your current attitude about writing?
8. Describe yourself as a writer using a metaphor; for example, “I’m a turtle, slow and steady” or “I’m a rabbit--I start fast but lose my way.”
  
9. What are your favorite kinds of reading and writing now? Why? Feel free to list kinds of writing that are related to school and those that have nothing to do with school.
10. What kinds of writing and reading do you do most frequently now? Where do you usually do that writing and reading? What effect do you think the environment in which you write and read has on your writing and reading?
11. What frustrated you about writing as you were learning and then as you progressed through school? By the same token, what pleased you about writing?
12. What do you enjoy most about the writing process? What do you enjoy least--or fear most?
13. What goals would you like to set for yourself as a writer?