

# Quick Tips for Enhancing Your Writing

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## KNOW THE EXPECTATIONS

Every assignment is looking for specific things. Focusing on these criteria will help your writing be most effective.

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## IDENTIFY WRITING STYLE

Your course likely uses a writing style such as MLA, APA, or Chicago that helps shape how you cite sources and format your essay. If you're not sure, look for this information in the course syllabus.

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## PLAN TIME FOR DRAFTS

A helpful strategy is to get all of your ideas down in a first draft, so be sure to plan time for going back and revising before the essay is due.

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## GET HELP WITH YOUR WRITING

Your university's writing center can provide consultations and specific tips for your writing. For a great online resource try Purdue's Online Writing Lab: <https://owl.purdue.edu/>

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## TAKE A BREAK

Give yourself some time away from the essay after finishing the first draft. This will allow you to come back and proof-read with fresh eyes so that you can catch errors and typos you may have missed before.