

# The Writing Process

**TIP:**  
The three most important things in writing are ideas, ideas, ideas!

**Prewriting Activities**  
Activities that help the writer to generate ideas and form an intention to write.  
Focus on the exploration of thoughts, ideas, feelings, and experiences.

**Drafting**  
The writer gets a response down in rough form.  
Focus on writing variables: central idea, form, purpose, public audience, and context. Then brainstorm and organize content before developing text.

**Revising**  
The writer gets feedback on the draft from a reader or listener.  
Focus on sharing, clarity of ideas, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, and reflection.

**Editing**  
The writer "cleans up" the piece.  
Focus on writing conventions: checking for correct capitalization, punctuation, spelling, paragraphing, grammar, and usage.

**Presenting**  
The writer goes public.  
Focus on presenting, celebrating, and community building.

Many writers work through a series of steps that break down the work of writing into tasks and make it easier to deal with.

**TIP:**  
Not all writing forms and genres will require you to go through all of these stages. A diary, for example, often has just one draft and generally won't be presented in public.