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BLOG ASSESSMENT

1. Read your blog posts from September and early October. Then read your most recent blog posts.

**What growth do you see in your writing this past semester?** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What are the topics you usually find yourself writing about? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What other topics and types of writing might you explore this semester? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 2. Think about the traits of effective writing:

* ideas (elaboration and support with concrete details)
* organization into paragraphs (and within paragraphs)
* diction (vivid word choice)
* voice (personality!)
* syntax (sentence variety and fluency)
* conventions (correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation and grammar)

**GOALS:** When it comes to your writing, which of the above traits do you feel need improvement?  **For the third nine weeks, set two goals for yourself as a writer:**

Goal #1 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Goal #2 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Part of blogging is **connecting with other bloggers and their thinking**.  **Explore the attached list of blogs and find two to follow.** Comment on posts and invite the bloggers to visit your own site. This nine weeks, you will be using hyperlinks to connect your writing to something you read on those blogs or elsewhere.

4. It’s a new year and a new semester. Consider giving your blog a fresh new look with changes in any of the following:

**theme links**

**header image widgets**

**background About Me page**

Remember that changing themes MAY cause your widgets to drop off into the “inactive widgets” column of your dashboard>appearance>widgets page. If this happens, you can easily drag and drop them into place again.

*Remember that HTML widgets might cause your Edublogs iPad app to glitch!*