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THRIVE + Center for Writing and Rhetoric Identifying Your Writerly Habits

Following, fill in the columns with your strengths and weaknesses as a writer.

Consider the following questions to generate each list:

- What writing habits work well for you?
- What are your long-term writing goals?
- How would you like to grow or change as a writer?

How can you improve some of your weaknesses and develop them into strengths?

Consider the following questions:

How do you define a writer?

Describe all the things that you wrote this week.

What kinds of things do you like to write?

What kinds of things do you struggle with in your writing?

Why is it important to write?

Complete the following thoughts:

I write best when...

I write best at...

I am most focused after/when I...

I like to write...

I do not like to write...

Now use the above as a generative profile and reconsider your answer to the following:

What does being a writer mean to you and do you see yourself as a writer?

Once you have completed the above items, write an author bio to describe yourself. How do you understand your identity as a writer? What are your strengths and what is important for readers to know about you? After you complete this writer bio, save it somewhere so you can look back at it at the end of the semester/academic year to assess whether your profile is still consistent with who you are or if there are aspects that you wish to update.