# **First Day Reflection and Goal-Setting**

Help me get to know a little about you as a reader and writer and help me to understand what your goals for this class are.

Describe your approach to reading assigned texts:

Describe those aspects of your reading that you feel are in need of improvement:

Describe your typical approach to completing writing assignments:

As a writer, which of the following aspects of formal writing assignments have you typically struggled with? Please select all items that apply to you.

* + Coming up with an appropriate and workable topic
  + Locating and evaluating sources
  + Organizing the information and presenting it in a logical sequence
  + Generating the first draft of your paper
  + Writing the introduction and/or conclusion
  + Sticking to the topic; identifying and omitting extraneous information
  + Creating smooth transitions between paragraphs and sections
  + Incorporating and citing borrowed information in your text
  + Revising your draft after instructor, peer, and/or self review
  + Finding and correcting grammar and spelling errors within your text
  + Using an appropriate tone, writing style, and level of complexity for your target audience
  + Following the assignment specifications for format, length, style, audience, etc.
  + Establishing and maintaining a research and writing schedule that gives you enough time to produce the best final product you can
  + Other:

Describe your strengths as a writer:

List 2-3 goals for this class. These are your personal goals for this class, and the strategies you develop for achieving them will be largely up to you. The goals you choose should be learning outcome-related, specific, and realistic (i.e., achievable). Thus, goals such as "get a good grade" (not related to the learning outcomes), "get better at writing/speaking" (too general), and "produce error-free first drafts" (probably not realistic) are inappropriate.

Anything else you'd like to share with me?