



The Writing Center

Interactive Learning Activities (ILAs)

ILAs are short, interactive activities that help you practice and improve specific writing or grammar skills. They involve active participation, such as completing exercises or working with a tutor, so you can build stronger skills through hands-on learning.

Note: Unlike DLAs, you will not complete them before your session with a tutor; instead, you will do the activities during your 30- or 60-minute session.

Analysis vs. Summary

- Differentiating between analyzing and summarizing can be tricky, especially in writing. This will help you to practice identifying the difference between the two, as well as techniques to move away from summary into analysis.

Analyzing Literature & Film

- Have a paper on a film or piece of fiction/literature? This can help you to refresh, practice, and sharpen your analysis skills by practicing both analysis of a film scene and a passage from a fictional text.

Argumentative Thesis Statement

- Thesis statements are crucial to an essay's structure, but they can be tricky! Let us help you practice this skill with the collaborative help of one of our Writing Specialists.

Quote and Source Integration

- Integrating sources is an important part of essay writing because it allows you to present your evidence and strengthen your arguments. This is a perfect way to practice introducing, quoting, and citing your sources.

Synthesizing Sources

- Learn and practice the art of synthesis, which is a way of integrating sources that helps place your work & ideas in relation to existing research.