**Final Assignment: Writing Theory Essay**

Start by answering this question:

Based on everything you have read, discussed, and written this quarter, what do you now believe that good writers must do in order to write the best final draft they possibly can?

Materials:

* You will receive your diagnostic essay and the three writing theory updates back from me. Take a look at what you started, what tips and tricks you recorded as helpful, and use that material to construct your essay.
* You can also pull materials from our discussions about Carol Dweck’s “Growth Mindset” Ted Talk.
* You may quote, summarize, and/or paraphrase from our textbook or other sources. Be sure to follow standard MLA citation format when you do.
* You should refer to your own writing processes to illustrate the larger points you are making. What have you done in past classes? What new things did you try in this class? What proved to be successful?

Details:

* 2-page (double spaced) rough draft is due on March 1 for an in-class peer review.
* 3-page (double spaced) revised draft is on Canvas March 2.
* 4.5-page (or longer, double spaced) final draft is due in your ePortfolio during finals week.

Hints:

* Remember to give some shape to your essay. Have a beginning, middle, and end.
* Include a thesis statement to help guide your readers through your main points.
* Within your essay, fully explain your points, summarize what you’ve heard or read from other sources, and describe how you went about incorporating your own advice.
* Follow standard MLA formatting procedures for your essay.
* Don’t forget to come see me during office hours or to visit the Writers’ Center if you’d like some help along the way.