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Writing a five paragraph essay takes skill and practice to master. In UNIV 150 I learned how to write a proper five paragraph essay. I have also learned the most efficient strategies to get them done while being able to receive the best grade. With my new writing process, I will be able to write essays with much more ease and much faster than before I had taken the class. The steps that I will use to write future essays are writing a draft, revising the essay, and editing the essay.

The first step in my new writing process is writing the draft. Before UNIV 150 I did not quite understand the proper five paragraph outline, but I am now able to follow it. The introduction should be broad at the beginning and end with a thesis statement about the topics being presented. The body of my essays should directly reflect the topics of the thesis statement; each of the topics presented should be a different paragraph. Within each of these paragraphs the first sentence presents one of the topics followed by an explanation and details to support that topic. The last sentence of each body paragraph will close the topic that was discussed in that paragraph. The conclusion of the essay is an inverse structure of the introduction. The conclusion should start with the thesis statement, then summarize the topics that were discussed, and ending with something broad to end my essay.

The next step in my writing process is revising my essay for errors within it. There are many ways to revise an essay as I have learned in UNIV 150. A peer review is a good way to get another student’s perspective of my essay to point out any errors or areas that are hard to understand. A review session with a professor or instructor will point out any grammatical errors and help reassure me that my message is clearly being conveyed. A way that I can revise my essay is to read over it out loud to make sure that everything flows in the correct way.

Editing is the last step to my new writing process. Editing is a very important step to make the changes that I gathered through the revisions from my peers, professors, and myself. Once the changes are made to my essay, I must return to the revising step to search for grammatical errors or anything that does not make sense. If I would find any more errors revising the essay again, I would edit the essay again. The editing process is repeated until no errors are found in my essay, and then the essay can be released.

Writing a draft, revising, and editing are the steps that I will use in my new writing process. I now understand the structure of a five paragraph essay. I can do proper revisions and find the people able to revise my essays that I write. After revisions I now know that editing includes changes to the essay and repeating the revision and editing over again. I will use this process to make writing essays easier and faster than before I had taken the class. UNIV 150 has helped me to understand and approach writing in whole new way.