

ENGL 110C Conference Notes

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Hi Abby,

Thank you for the conversation today about your writing! Here are some things we discussed:

- Your strengths as a writer: attending to your thinking to notice when an idea sparks your interest; immersing yourself deeply in a text by slow reading before writing; a writerly disposition and histories of making stories
- Next steps for your rhetorical analysis: researching James Baldwin as an author and person (here's the [documentary](#) about his life and work, it's older than I thought!); looking for connections between the content and context of the publication of Baldwin's speech/essay and your other work in sociology/social work.

I can tell you're up for the challenge of this new type of writing!

Have a great weekend,

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