

**WRITING SURVEY**

Directions: Below is a series of statements about writing. There are no right or wrong answers to these statements. Please think carefully about how each statement applies to you. Then circle the letters that show how much you agree or disagree with the statement. Use the following:

- SA = Strongly Agree  
 A = Agree  
 U = Undecided  
 D = Disagree  
 SD = Strongly Disagree

Example: I think pizza with pepperoni is the best.      SA    A    U    D    SD

If you are really positive that pepperoni pizza is the best, circle SA (Strongly Agree).

If you think that pepperoni pizza is good but maybe not great, circle A (Agree).

If you can't decide whether or not pepperoni pizza is the best, circle U (Undecided).

If you think that pepperoni pizza is not all that good, circle D (Disagree).

If you are really positive that pepperoni pizza is not very good, circle SD (Strongly Disagree).

**And here's one definition:**

The word "COMPOSITION" in this survey means      **WRITING**

(A *composition* course is a *writing* course)

or **PIECE OF WRITING**

(as in working on a *composition*).

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| 1. I avoid writing.  | SA | A | U | D | SD |
| 2. I have no fear of my writing being evaluated.                     | SA | A | U | D | SD |
| 3. I look forward to writing down my ideas.                          | SA | A | U | D | SD |
| 4. I am afraid of writing essays when I know they will be evaluated. | SA | A | U | D | SD |
| 5. Taking a composition course is a very frightening experience.     | SA | A | U | D | SD |
| 6. Handing in a composition makes me feel good.                      | SA | A | U | D | SD |
| 7. My mind seems to go blank when I start to work on a composition.  | SA | A | U | D | SD |
| 8. Expressing ideas through writing seems to be a waste of time.     | SA | A | U | D | SD |

(TURN OVER AND CONTINUE ON THE BACK)

### Remember:

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|---|----|---|---|---|----|
| 9. I would enjoy submitting my writing to magazines for evaluation and publication. | SA | A | U | D | SD |
| 10. I like to write my ideas down.  | SA | A | U | D | SD |
| 11. I feel confident in my ability to clearly express my ideas in writing.          | SA | A | U | D | SD |
| 12. I like to have my friends read what I have written.                             | SA | A | U | D | SD |
| 13. I'm nervous about writing.  | SA | A | U | D | SD |
| 14. People seem to enjoy what I write.  | SA | A | U | D | SD |
| 15. I enjoy writing.  | SA | A | U | D | SD |
| 16. I never seem to be able to clearly write down my ideas.                         | SA | A | U | D | SD |
| 17. Writing is a lot of fun.  | SA | A | U | D | SD |
| 18. I expect to do poorly in composition classes even before I enter them.          | SA | A | U | D | SD |
| 19. I like seeing my thoughts on paper.   | SA | A | U | D | SD |
| 20. Discussing my writing with others is an enjoyable experience.                   | SA | A | U | D | SD |
| 21. I have a terrible time organizing my ideas in a composition course.             | SA | A | U | D | SD |
| 22. When I hand in a composition, I know I'm going to do poorly.                    | SA | A | U | D | SD |
| 23. It's easy for me to write good compositions.                                    | SA | A | U | D | SD |
| 24. I don't think I write as well as most other people.                             | SA | A | U | D | SD |
| 25. I don't like my compositions to be evaluated.                                   | SA | A | U | D | SD |
| 26. I'm no good at writing.   | SA | A | U | D | SD |