**A Personal Writing Inventory**

Since there are no right answers here, be as honest and frank as you can. You will be comparing responses with other students later. A number, using the following scale, can indicate your position on all of these questions:

5 = absolutely; could not agree more; that describes me

4 = some truth to this; sometimes, that describes me

3 = do not feel too strongly about this one way or the other

2 = not that often; this describes me infrequently

1 = in no way does this describe me

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I would do anything rather than write; I write only when I have to.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I do not mind writing as long as no one reads it.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ When I have to write, I find that I have too much to say.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ When I start to write, my mind is as empty as a blank page.
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I know I express myself clearly when I write.
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ After I have initially written something, I do not change it much.
7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ To me, rewriting means copying, correcting grammar and spelling.
8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ When I have written something badly, I know it.
9. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Most of my writing is done to fulfill a teacher’s requirements.
10. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ If I can, I show my writing to someone else before I submit it.
11. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I often write about myself.
12. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Most of the writing I do explains what I know about a topic.
13. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I like to have my writing evaluated.
14. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I like to keep the things I write; occasionally I look them over.
15. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ It is possible for me to get an “A” average in this course.

Now, finish this inventory by responding to the questions on the next page.

1. On average, about how many minutes a day would you say you spend writing, in any form, for any reasons?
2. At home where do you do your writing?
3. List about 5 topics that you feel you know more about than most of your friends.
4. On average, how much time do you spend per day reading anything, for any reason?
5. Do you like to read?
6. List, in order of frequency, the kinds of reading you do most.
7. What value do you personally find in the writing that you do?
8. What do you go through, typically, when you write something?
9. Describe the best writing experience you have had.

(If you require more space to express yourself, attach a sheet of lined paper to this form)