

The Writers' Center at AiP

What is the Writers' Center?

The Writers' Center is a place for writers to come to talk about their work. Its services are free and open to all students in all classes at AiP.

How do I know if I should go to the Writers' Center?

Suppose you're writing a paper for one of your classes and you find yourself wondering:

- Have I done what the assignment asks me to do?
- Does this really make sense? Will it sound okay to my readers?
- Are there parts that are unclear?
- Have I left something important unsaid, or included too much?
- How do I give credit to the sources I've used?
- How can I proofread this and find the mistakes?
- How can I revise this paper given the comments my instructor has made on my paper?

A consultant at the Writers' Center can help you find the answers to these questions and most others that arise when you are writing.

What happens when I get to the Writers' Center?

You will be asked to identify why you've come to the Center. The consultant will ask you to explain what sort of writing you are working on, what the assignment is, and when it is due. You'll be asked to read what you've written so far and talk about the concerns you have about your writing. Then, you and the consultant will talk about your paper together.

There are no grades and no homework at the Writers' Center. Instead, your consultant will tell you what she thinks you were trying to get across in your writing, and what parts of that writing did or didn't work to make your intended meanings clear. You can then compare her response to what you were trying to say, and from there you can work with the consultant on ways of making sure that your writing really says what you want it to.

But what if I'm stuck on an assignment and can't get anything written yet?

No problem. Come to the Writers' Center with whatever you have: notes, scribbles, thoughts, worries. You and your consultant can work from where you are to where you want to be. Don't wait until the last minute though!

Where is the Writers' Center? How do I arrange to talk to a consultant?

The Writers' Center is located in **Room 217**. It's best to sign up on-line. Go to www.rich36.com/aii, register, sign in, and make an appointment by clicking on a white block and filling out the appointment form. You can also call the Writers' Center at 412-291-7387, or you can also drop in with some of your writing during our working hours. If a consultant is available, you'll be seen right away. Appointments are 30 and 60 minutes long, starting on the hour and half-hour. You can come back for help on the same paper as many times as you want.

Hours:

Monday	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Tuesday	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Wednesday	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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