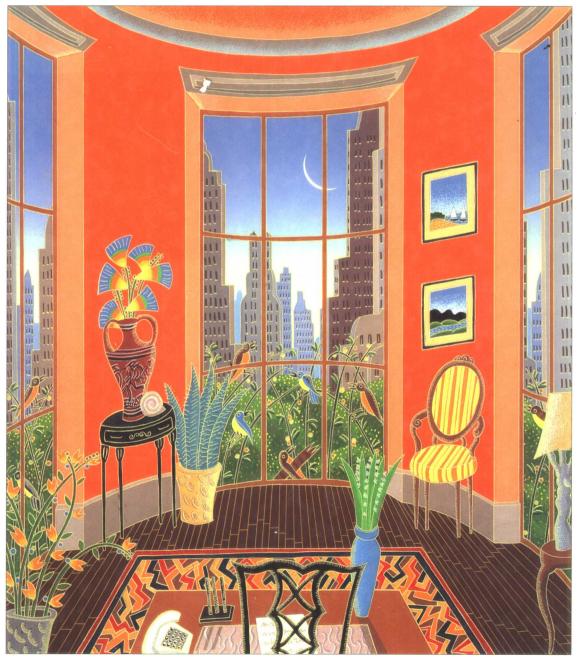
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We aim to make better writers, not necessarily—or immediately—better texts.

Stephen North

The writer may write to inform, to explain, to entertain, to persuade, but whatever the purpose there should be, first of all, the satisfaction of the writer's own learning.

Donald Murray

Few things give teachers—and textbook writers—more satisfaction than helping students learn to become better writers. Strategies, classroom activities, professional and student essays—all are merely means to achieve those moments of excitement and learning that propel writers to transform themselves through reading and writing. I hope that this textbook continues to offer students and their teachers contexts for those transformations.

In its third edition, The Prentice Hall Guide for College Writers retains an emphasis on aims and purposes for writing, on a clear sequence of chapters that move from expressive to argumentative writing, and on extensive, integrated writing-process advice that helps students learn. Providing ongoing support for both students and teachers during the invention, composing, and revising processes remains the overriding goal of this text.

New to the third edition is an increased emphasis on reading and responding to texts. Chapter Five, "Reading," uses the summary/response essay as a means to teach active and critical reading, accurate summarizing, and focused responding to texts. Drawing on reader-response theories and psycho-linguistic research, Chapter Five demonstrates how discussion activities promote active reading and response. The new chapter prepares students to use their reading as an invention strategy to complement the other major sources of invention—observing, remembering, and investigating.

In addition to the new chapter on reading, the third edition has eight new selections by professional writers such as Farley Mowat, Scott Russell Sanders, Barbara Ehrenreich, Jack Solomon, Deborah Tannen, Wendell Berry, and Toni Cade Bambara. The additional essays in each chapter create thematic clusters of topics that reappear throughout the text: cultural diversity, gender roles, the environment, literacy, advertising and the media, and animal rights. See the Thematic Contents (following the table of contents) for a complete listing.

Eight new essays by student writers—on topics such as gender-based learning, advertising tactics, the media and the military, alcoholism, and interracial conflicts—provide students with realistic models for their own essays. The Prentice Hall Guide for College Writers continues to showcase student writing, featuring the work of over 40 student writers from several colleges and universities. The third edition contains 23 full-length student essays and 10 essays with sample prewriting materials and drafts.

## KEY FLATURES

Continuing in the third edition of *The Prentice Hall Guide for College Writers* is a wide range of noteworthy features:

LOGICAL SEQUENCE OF PURPOSE-BASED CHAPTERS—Aims and purposes, not rhetorical strategies, guide each writing assignment. Early chapters focus on invention strategies (observing, remembering, reading, and investigation), while later chapters emphasize exposition and argumentation (explaining, evaluating, problem solving, and arguing).

FOCUS ON WRITING PROCESSES Every major chapter contains techniques, professional and student samples, journal exercises, reading and writing activities, collaborative activities, peer-response guidelines, and revision suggestions designed to assist students with their work-in-progress.

JOURNAL WRITING Throughout the text, write-to-learn activities help writers improve their critical reading skills, "warm up" for each assignment, and practice a variety of invention and shaping strategies.

MARGINAL QUOTATIONS Nearly a hundred short quotations by composition teachers, researchers, essayists, novelists, and poets personalize for the inexperienced writer a larger community of writers still struggling with the same problems that each student faces.

Annotated Instructor's Edition (AIE) In the margins of the teacher's annotated edition are hundreds of teaching tips, reference citations, and suggestions for assignments and group activities.

Designed to accompany the Annotated Instructor's Edition is a teacher's manual containing sections on composition theory, policy statements, lesson plans, collaborative writing, group learning, write-to-learn exercises, reading/writing exercises, assignments, student conferences, responding to and evaluating writing, and an annotated bibliography of articles about teaching writing. Also included are chapter commentaries and answers to discussion questions.

An Introduction to Myths and Rituals for Writing. Chapter One, "Writing Myths and Rituals," discounts some common myths about college writing courses, introduces the notion of writing rituals, and outlines the variety of journal writing used throughout the text. Rituals are crucial for all writers but especially so for novice writers. Effective rituals are simply those behavioral strategies that complement the cognitive and social strategies of the writing process. Illustrating a variety of possible writing rituals are quotations from a dozen professional writers on the nature of writing. These short quotations continue throughout the book, reminding students that writing is not some magical process, but rather a madness that has a method to it, a love that is built from labor, and a learning that is born of reading, thinking, observing, remembering, discussing, and writing.

An Orientation to Rhetorical Situation and to Writing Processes. Chapter Two, "Purposes and Processes for Writing," bases the writing process in the rhetorical situation (writer, subject, purpose,

text, and audience). It restores the writer's intent or purpose (rather than a thesis sentence or a rhetorical strategy) as the driving force during the writing process. It demonstrates how meaning evolves from a variety of recursive, multidimensional, and hierarchical activities that we call the writing process. Finally, it reassures students that, because individual writing and learning styles differ, they will be encouraged to discover and articulate their own processes from a range of appropriate possibilities.

Aims and Purposes for Writing. The text then turns to specific purposes and assignments for writing. Chapters Three through Six ("Observing," "Remembering," "Reading," and "Investigating") focus on invention strategies. These Chapters illustrate how writing to learn is a natural part of learning to write. To promote reading, writing, discussing, revising, and learning, these chapters introduce four sources of invention—observing people, places, events, and objects; remembering people, places, and events; reading and responding to texts; and investigating information through interviews, surveys, and written sources. Although students write essays intended for a variety of audiences in each of these chapters, the emphasis is on invention strategies and on writer-based purposes for writing. Although this text includes expressive and transactional elements in every assignment, the direction of the overall sequence of assignments is from the more personal forms of discourse to the more public forms.

Chapters Seven through Ten ("Explaining," "Evaluating," "Problem Solving," and "Arguing") emphasize subject- and audience-based purposes. The sequence in these chapters moves the student smoothly from exposition to argumentation (acknowledging the obvious overlapping), building on the skills and cognitive strategies of the previous chapters. The teacher may, in fact, use Chapters Seven through Ten as a minicourse in argument, teaching students how to develop and argue claims of fact, claims of cause and effect, claims about values, and claims about solutions or policies.

Responding to Literature. Chapter Eleven guides students through the process of writing interpretive essays about short fiction, using many of the critical reading strategies, invention techniques, and shaping strategies practiced in the earlier chapters. This chapter contains three short fiction works and two student essays.

Research Paper. Chapter Twelve ("Writing a Research Paper") draws on all the cognitive and social strategies presented in the first eleven chapters. Research papers are written for a purpose and audience too, but the invention, composing, and revising processes are more extended. This chapter helps students select and plan their projects, use the library, evaluate and document sources, record their progress, and test ideas in research logs—learning all the while to integrate the information they gather with their own experiences and ideas.

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