



## Writer's Reflections

(also called Author's Notes/ Cover Letters/Writer's Memos)

### Generic Directions for Writer's Reflection:

- A statement of the purpose and audience of the text. What am I trying to say and for whom? (EX: this is my entire first draft for you to read and give me feedback; or: this is my introduction. I am trying to set up my project with \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ as the main ideas).
- A statement of where the text is in the process of development. How far along is this? (EX: my first draft, ninth draft, based on an idea I got last night, second half of a draft you've already seen).
- Your own writer's assessment of the piece. (EX: I like this because ... ; I'm worried about this because ... ; I know this part needs work, but I'm not sure, I really like x and want to incorporate more of this idea but don't know how, etc.)
- A sense of the revision strategies you have already tried. (EX: I had my roommate read this piece and she suggested these changes. I have tried outlining my paper and I see gaps between my first and second idea but don't know where to go from here)
- The kind of response you want, specifically. What do I want help with? (EX: Can you point to places where my explanation doesn't make sense? The first paragraph on page 2 isn't working for me, what are some strategies I can use to revise? I want you to look at my overall organization do you understand my main claims? I want you to look at my word choice and paragraph structure, specifically on page 1 and 3. etc.)

### Kate's Generic Directions for Writer's Reflection:

- What revisions did you make to this essay based on feedback from peers and me? What revisions did you choose not to make and why?
- What would you still change or develop about this essay if you had more time / space?
- What is your most beautiful sentence in the essay and why? What is the least beautiful sentence in this essay and why?
- What stylistic and/or editing problems have you noticed in your own writing and how are you working to address them?
- What specific concerns would you like me to address in my response?
- What have you learned about rhetoric and writing through the process of composing and revising this essay?