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THE WRITING CENTER: A CHRONICLE

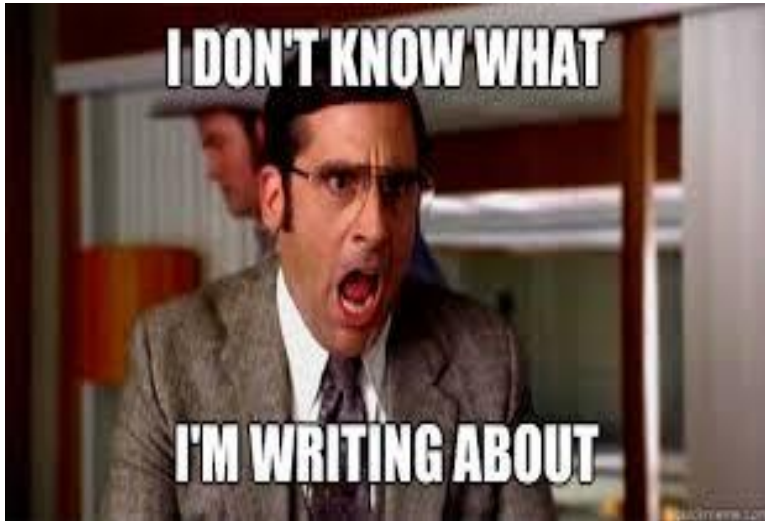
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WHAT IS A MEME?

- a mode of sharing pop culture concepts
- an image accompanied by capitalized text
- contains recognizable images by the audience
- text and image correlate to convey a point
- oftentimes ironic or cynical



PRE APPOINTMENT

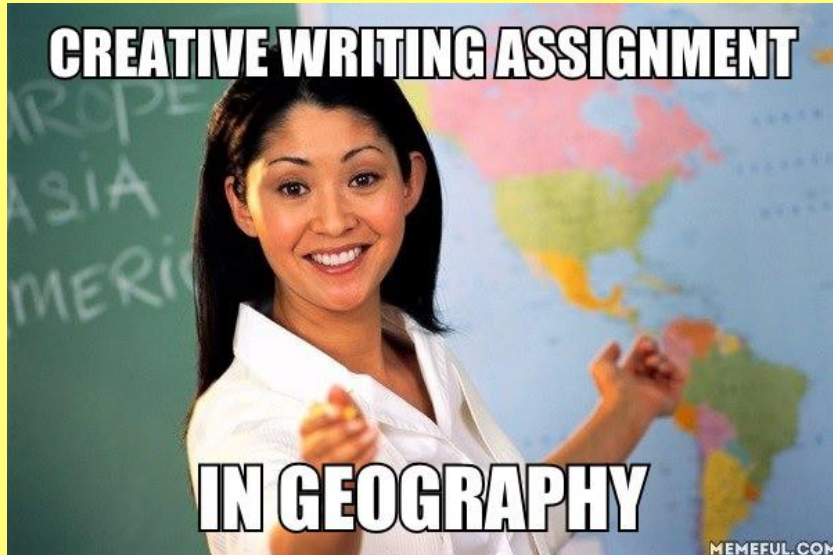


Don't: Assume the writing center provides help for only written papers.

Do: Go to the writing center for help on powerpoints, presentations, and papers.

Many writing centers are now multimedia centers and will help you not only with your written assignments, but also on PowerPoints, digital presentations, and other modes of writing. The writing center will help you get started with a variety of assignments.

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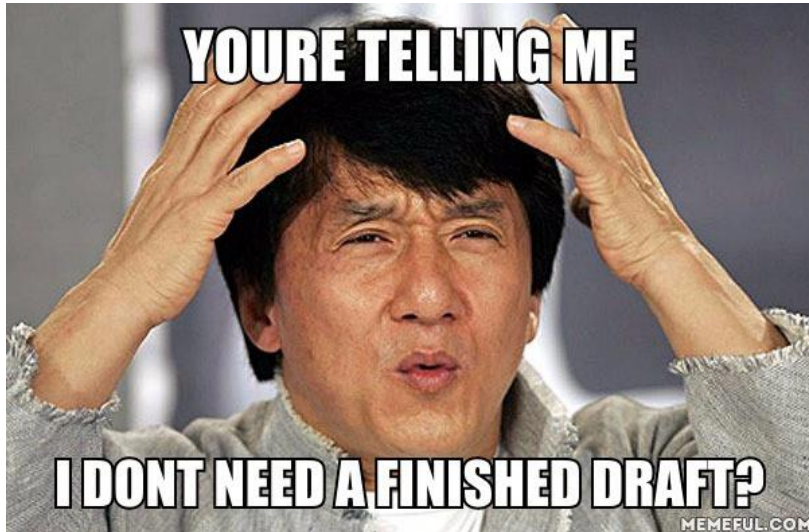


Don't: Limit the use of the writing center to English assignments.

Do: Bring in assignments and papers from other classes, such as Biology.

Students often assume that the Writing Center is only used for english or humanities papers. But the Writing Center offers sessions and resources to all majors. Students should make sure to utilize all of their resources by taking their lab reports, or papers for review.

PRE APPOINTMENT



Don't: Assume you need a draft to come to the writing center.

Do: Come to the writing center during all phases of the writing process.

The writing center is here to help students during all phases of the writing process. Come to discuss a topic or generate ideas. Come to get started writing or if seeking extra motivation. Or come during the revision process. The writing center will help any student with any assignment.

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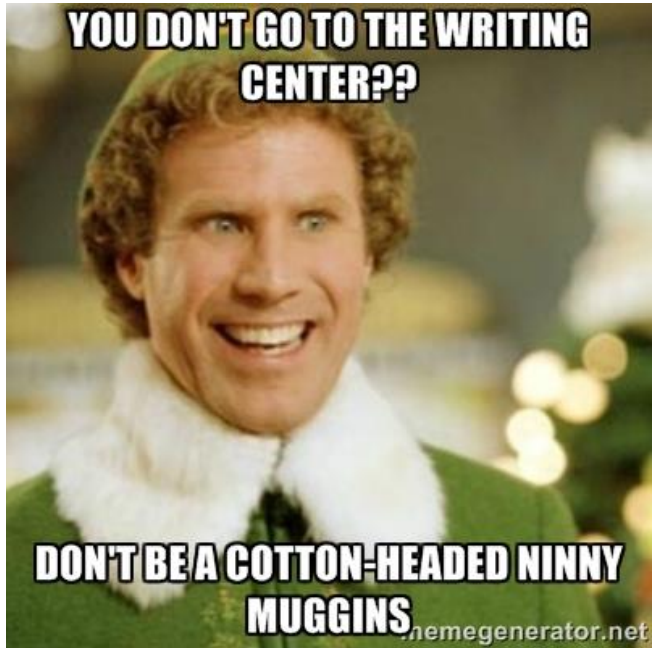


Don't: Arrive late to your appointment.

Do: Arrive 5 minutes early so you can get the most from your session.

Arriving on time will ensure that the session goes as smoothly as possible. It will also allow you to introduce yourself to the tutor and explain the writing prompt. Being on time is crucial considering the session will end on schedule regardless of your arrival time.

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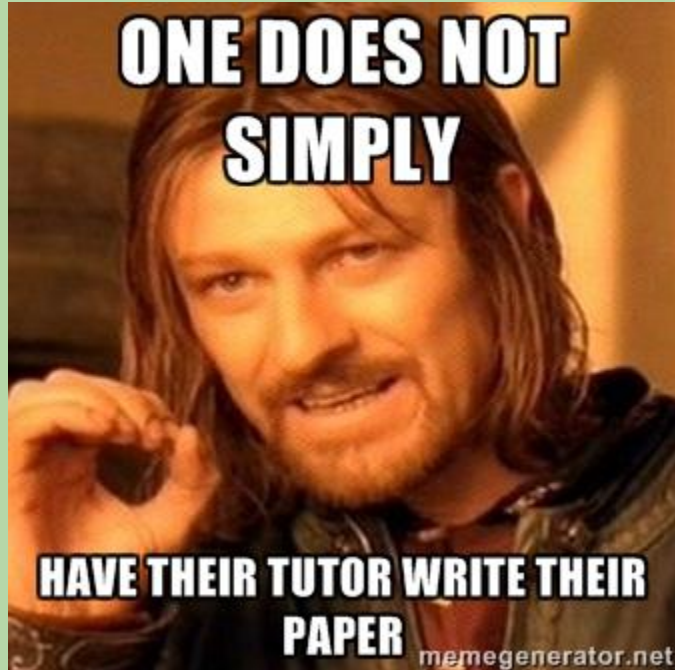


Don't: Think only "bad" writers go to the writing center.

Do: "Remember all good writers need good readers."

It's important to remember that you are not alone in your writing, and that every writer could use help. The center should be used as an extra reader for you to utilize as a writer. No good writer ever accomplished everything completely alone; sometimes you need a helpful set of eyes and ears.

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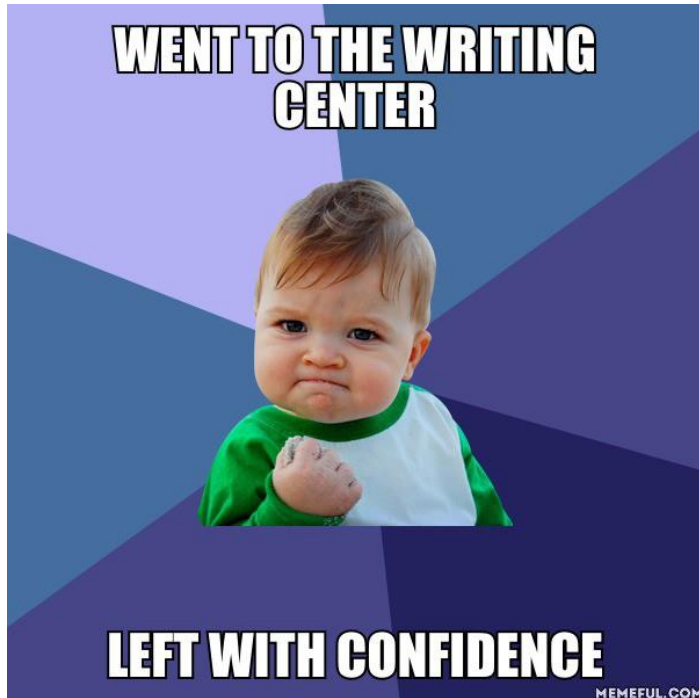


Don't: Expect your tutor to write or completely alter your paper.

Do: Expect your tutor to assist you in developing your personal writing process.

The purpose of the Writing Center is to instruct the writing process and any supplemental questions the student may have regarding the assignment. Instead of writing the paper for you, the tutor will ask open ended questions so that the writer will think deeper about their paper and ideas.

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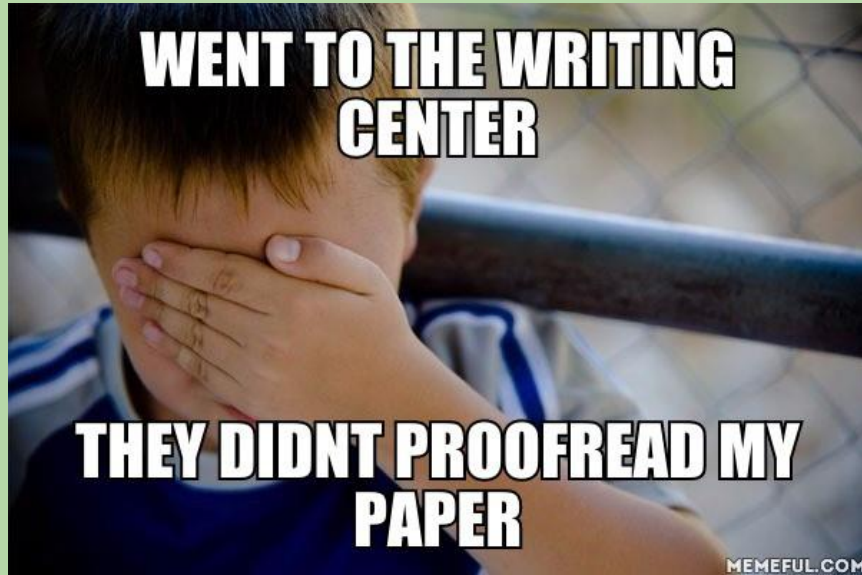


Don't: Approach the tutoring session expecting to be judged or criticized.

Do: Come to your tutoring session with an open mind and ready to grow.

Writing can be personal. But the tutors at the writing center are there to help with your paper. They are not there to judge or make fun of your writing.

DURING APPOINTMENT



Don't: Think that the writing center is a proofreading service.

Do: Come to the writing center willing to work through the paper with a tutor.

The Writing Center is not a proofreading service. Instead, plan on discussing structure or overall content. Writing Center tutors are there to help you through all the steps of the writing process and to focus on global issues. The writing center is not a place to correct sentence level mistakes and grammar.

AFTER APPOINTMENT



Don't: Struggle to complete suggested revisions by yourself.

Do: Schedule a follow up appointment.

The writing center is here to help you, no matter how long or how many sessions it takes. If you are still confused or need additional help, make sure to schedule a follow-up appointment for clarification.

AFTER APPOINTMENT



Don't: Cast your paper aside upon returning home and then fire up the ole' Nintendo 64, subsequently forgetting everything you just learned.

Do: Utilize the knowledge you just attained and finish your paper while it's fresh on your mind! Or at least think about what the session taught you while playing N64.

Take what the tutor says and apply the necessary changes to your work. Use this advice to complete your paper in a timely fashion. Then you may play N64 to your heart's content.

AFTER APPOINTMENT



Don't: Just get help on one assignment.

Do: Remember the writing center is an invaluable service that can help you in multiple disciplines, such as with resumes, fellowship/graduate school applications, and more.

Remember your good friends at the writing center. Just know that they are always there to lend a helping hand with any assignment, in any subject or discipline you may have.

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