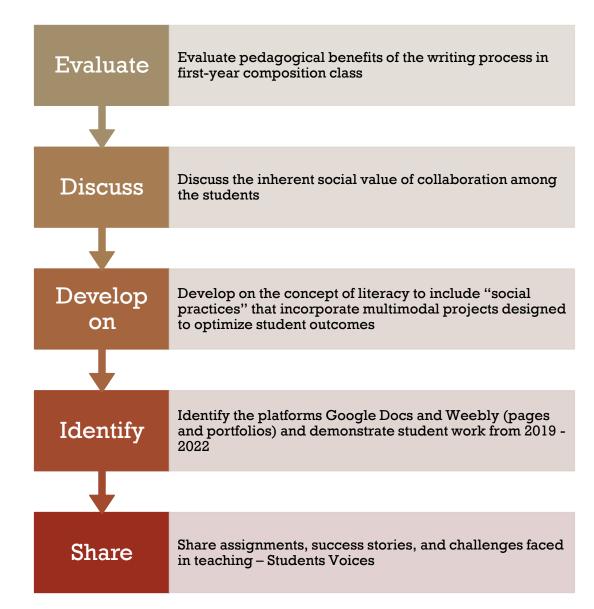


INSPIRE AND EMPOWER LEARNERS IN A COMPOSITION CLASS: WRITING PROCESS THROUGH GOOGLE DOCS AND WEEBLY PORTFOLIOS

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# LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!

• What does it entail in a writing process in a composition class ?

What, in your opinion, are the pros of discussing the writing process with your students?

In what ways multimodal assignments may prove to be more useful for your students in writing classes?



## **ABOUT COMPOSITION COURSES AT FORMAN**

### Sheltered Composition Courses – WRCM 101

Freshman Composition

- Basic writing course
- Mandatory for all to attend
- Smaller classes, individual support
- More emphasis on the language use and writing conventions
- Holistic approach to writing and study skills
- Emphasis on touching upon all genres of writing

#### Mainstream Composition Courses – WRCM 102 •Freshman Composition

#### Advanced writing course

- Aims at sharpening students' research skills
- Small classes, One-on-One Support
- More emphasis on content and logic can be overwhelming for multilingual speakers
- Challenging to teach due to a variety of needs



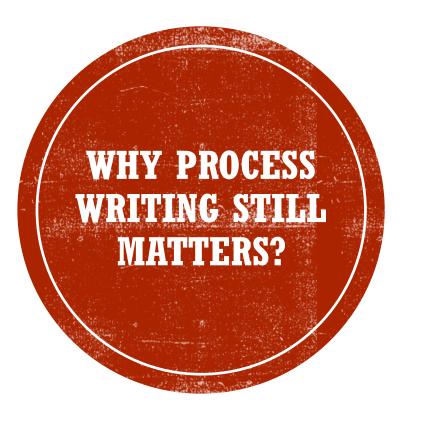
# **E-PORTFOLIOS**

#### Rationale

• An e-Portfolio:

):	→ Is a carefully curated collection of the student's (students') most meaningful work.	→ Is not a comprehensive collection of everything the student/s wrote.			
	→ Contains captions that reflect the value of each chosen artifact (What specific skills were developed? How did this assignment reach the objectives?).	→ Does not simply summarize the assignment.			
	→ Are negotiated, developed, and revised.	→ This utilizes the writing process and reinforces the writing program's approach in student papers, highlighting their gains			

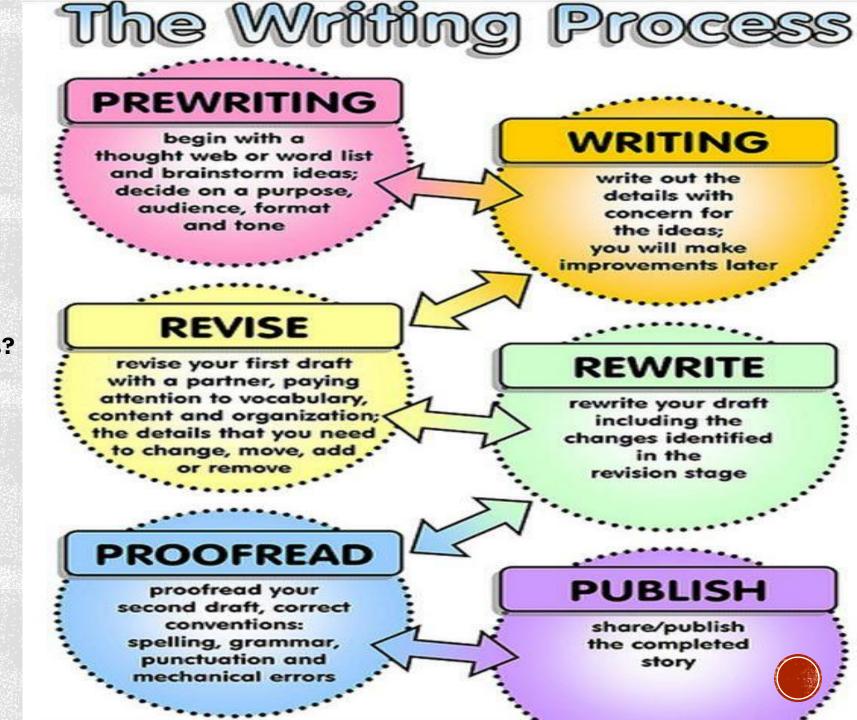




# Donald M. Murray (1972):

- "demanding, intellectual process" that does not evolve overnight (p. 3).
- the inevitable development of their "voice" (p. 5).

• Why Process Writing Still Matters?





 E-Portfolios: the process and the product,

"social interaction, not passive compliance" (Boudreau-Smith, 2017).



# **E-PORTFOLIOS EMPOWER STUDENTS**

## Pedagogical Appropriation:

- "Writers develop in relation to the changing social needs, opportunities, resources, and technologies of their time and place," (Bazerman et al., 2017, p. 355)
- Enjoyable Process
- Extended Writing





## SUPPORT FOR MULTILINGUAL STUDENTS

"multiple literacies" and "literacy as a social practice" (Harste, 2014, p. 90) ensure that the incorporation of digital media in the e-Portfolio can both facilitate and validate student output in the multilingual classroom (p. 90).

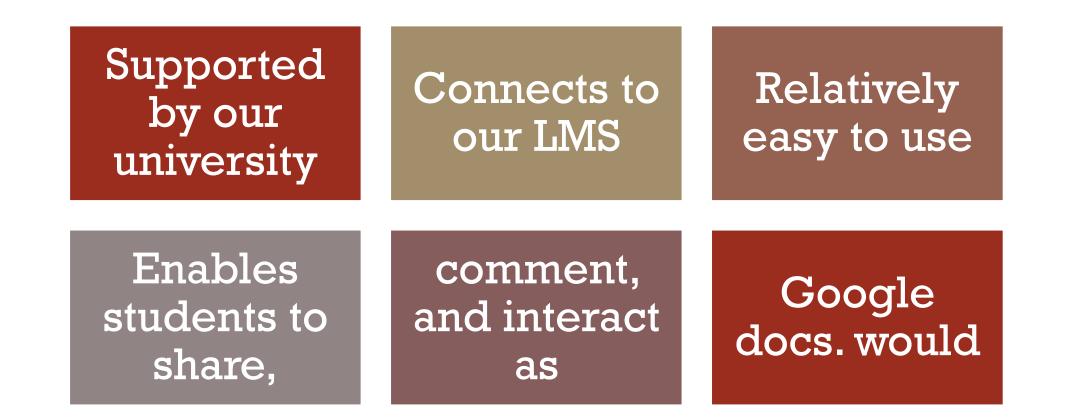


# **BENEFITS AND SKILLS**

Time/ project management		Metacognition (take a "deeper dive" into instructor and peer feedback)		Awareness of writing development		Communication	
	Collaboration (coordinate with peers to plan)		Autonomy		multi: develoj	cal (and modal) pment in iting	

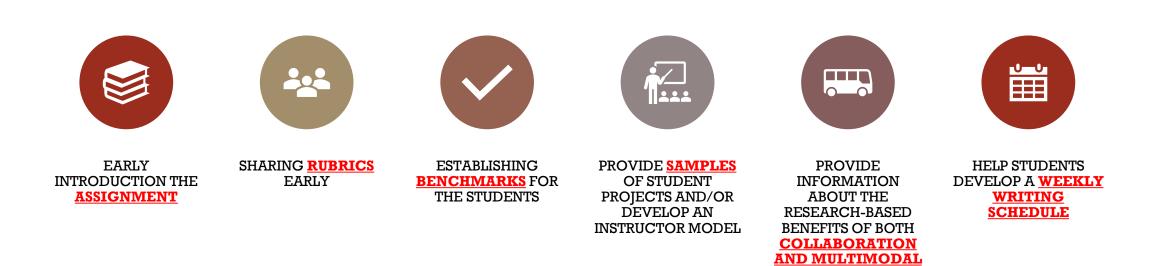


# WEEBLY PORTFOLIOS OR GOOGLE DOCS



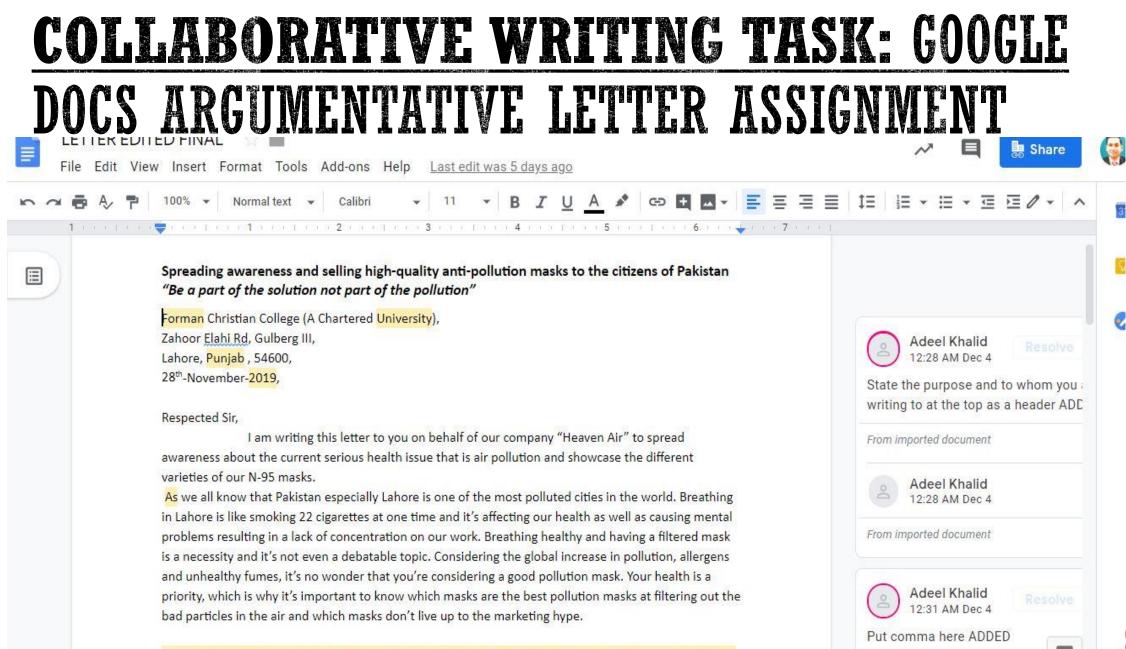


## **INTRODUCING THE E-PORTFOLIO ASSIGNMENT**



**PROJECTS** 





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## <u>ARGUMENT ANALYSIS</u> <u>PAPER</u> – EXAMPLE

#### **Color Coding:**

- 1. <u>All parts of the paragraph</u> <u>present</u>
- 2. <u>The ratio of the different</u> <u>parts balanced</u>
- Yellow color is for introducing the article
- Turquoise color is for major claim of the author
- Purple color is for evidences

"Stop Using Plastic" is my first article which is written by Noorul Huda from Karachi, who is a Pakistani dramatist and former caretaker minister. This article was published in Dawn newspaper, on December 3, 2019. This newspaper is Pakistan's oldest, leading and most widely read English-language newspaper. It was founded by Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah in Delhi, India, on 26 October 1941. It has a weekday circulation of over 109,000. This article is to argue that it needs to reduce the using of plastic for the natural environment of the future and the companies which provide plastic to people have a bigger responsibility about this issue which is related using of plastic than normal citizens. Furthermore, it criticizes the companies which are not taking their responsibility. First about a juice kiosk they use plastic cups to give juice to their consumers. Even if a consumer who cares about nature bring his or her own cup, they throw away one plastic cup to count their consumers. Also, a paper straw which can protect nature is available in Pakistan, but the companies still provide plastic straw. Second about a book shop --- they still use plastic bag even though the author requested not to use it 2 years ago and also they can make a paper bag which can protect the nature sufficiently. Both aspects prove that they don't really care about natural

# **STUDENT E-PORTFOLIOS SAMPLES**

https://syedsfolio.weebly.com/ (Shabee's porfolio)

https://zainabshahbazportfoliowrcm101.weebly.com/(Zainab's porfolio)

https://syedmuazhussain.weebly.com/ (Syed Muaz Hussain)

https://abshahid1234.journoportfolio.com/#/ (Abdullah Shahid)

https://hiranadeem.weebly.com/ (Hira Nadeem)





## Hi, I'm **Syed Shabee Haider**. A student of WRCM-101-KK.

And this is my e-portfolio.

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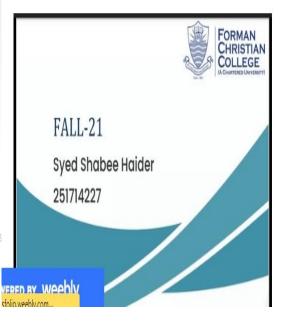
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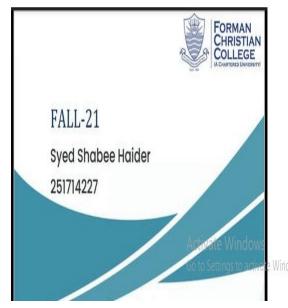
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My Work.

In this part of the portfolio, I have attached my Drafts, Final Submissions, Argument Analysis Speech and The Final Assessment Power Point Presentation.







HOME MY WORK SELF-ASSESSMENT ABOUT

To begin with, Google Docs is far more user-friendly than Microsoft Word. Second, whenever you type something, all papers are automatically saved in your Gmail drive. Documents are saved in any device where you have logged in to your email, and they are secure. Third, it emphasizes grammatical errors made while composing the paper. Furthermore, if you want to provide an in-text reference, you can search for it using the "explore" option and directly insert an intext citation in the footnotes. Students can develop and edit documents online, while working with others.

Muhammad Ahmed Umer – 231450206

# STUDENT VOICES ON USING GOOGLE DOCS

The primary reason Google docs is a better option for students is the easy access with its feature of auto backups. The feature of editing history becomes a lifesaver when you have to edit a document and trace the progress, especially if the correction is not intentional. It also helps a lot with tools that can be very adaptable for academic writing - the inbuilt citation format for MLA.

With extensions, you can also write without a worry about proofreading your document because it highlights the parts for you that need proofreading or editing. Its "sharing option also allows more than one person to view the document simultaneously, which helps with group projects.

The display is also a plus point because you do not have to look for specific features as almost everything you need is put in a specific category which makes it time-saving as well.

Sadia Noreen – 233705835

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My experience with Weebly has been really good. It's helped me with graphic designing standees, posters, and portfolios. Not only does it have multiple design tools, but its interface is user-friendly, making it an easy application to use, so I would definitely recommend it to others using it in building portfolios.

Tehreem Aurangzeb – 251694343

I have used Weebly to design my WRCM101 portfolio and my experience with Weebly has been interesting and satisfying. It is an easy and useful tool. There are numerous templates to choose from. It allows you to add a variety of photos, stickers, and designs. It's easy to use and learn and really helps you customize your project to your liking.

Umama Kunwar – 251709100

I had to make a portfolio for my WRCM 101 and my instructor suggested we make them on a site called Weebly.com. I was hesitant at first as it was my first time creating a website page but thank god i was suggested this site! Weebly turned out to be a straight-forward and uncomplicated builder as once i got the hang of how it works, which was not long, i was creating my portfolio effortlessly

by just dragging and dropping, using my mouse to move around elements such as text boxes, forms, buttons, and images instead of writing abstract lines of code.

It's also a good choice for personal websites with its simple themes making the ideal backdrop for my writing and many other achievements. It also allows multiple user profiles, blog-specific SEO, comments, and social sharing.

On top of that, it was free of cost! Making it more user friendly and accessible to a wider range of users.

## **Questions / Comments**



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