Essay I
"How Do I?"
Assignment Sheet.

For this assignment, you will follow the instructions for the "How Do I?" essay found on pages 21-24 of *The Writer's Practice* by John Warner. Your topic can be on anything you choose, but make sure you use Warner's instructions to write an excellent essay.

Grading for this essay will be unconventional. Operating under the assumption that practice makes perfect, your grade will be determined by the amount of work you do; in other words, you get to determine the grade you will receive. The more you write, the better you will become (in theory, anyway). Here is how the grades will be determined:

The first thing you should know is that all plus grades (A+, B+, C+, D+) are reserved for recognition of quality work. I will make the **rare** choice to assign a plus grade to writers whose work is exemplary. Other than plus grades, the grades will be determined by what you turn in to the dropbox.
To get a grade of A, you must turn in a total of 2,500+ words.

To get a grade of A-, you must turn in a total of 2,250-2,500 words.

To get a grade of B, you must turn in a total of 2,000-2,250 words.

To get a grade of B-, you must turn in a total of 1,750-2,000 words.

To get a grade of C, you must turn in a total of 1,500-1,750 words.

To get a grade of C-, you must turn in a total of 1,250-1,500 words.

To get a grade of D, you must turn in a total of 1,000-1,250 words.

To get a grade of D-, you must turn in a total of 750-1,000 words.

To get a grade of F, you must turn in a total of 375-750 words.

To get a grade of 0, you must turn in fewer than 375 words.

You may be wondering how you can write 375-2,500 words for this assignment. Think of this assignment like a portfolio. At the core of the assignment will be the final essay you turn in and identify as the completed "How Do I?" essay. In the document you turn into the dropbox, the actual completed essay should come first. I envision this essay being from two-and-a-half to five double-spaced pages, depending on your topic. That should yield about 750 to 1,500 words. The rest of the word count can be reached by including the work you do for the *Process* section questions in steps 1 through 5 (including a description of which models you looked at), a reflection on how you implemented any feedback you received in step 7, and submitting your responses to the *Reflection* section. All together, you should be able to produce 2,500 words.

Don't forget to use an MLA header on your first page in the upper-left corner. It should include your name, the course name, my name, and the date you turned it in. In the upper right corner, you should include your last name and the current page number. Give your essay a catchy title, and play around with a clear thesis statement. This essay is due **February 9th.** Don't forget that turning in an essay late will lose points.