



ENGL107

Foundations Writing for English as an Additional Language Students

Assignment #3

Writing With Generative AI: Writing, Comparing, and Reflecting

(Fall 2025; Instructor: Andy Jiahao Liu; 20 points)

Assignment Overview

The emergence of Generative Artificial Intelligence (hereafter GenAI) technologies (e.g., ChatGPT, DeepSeek) has profoundly influenced the educational landscape worldwide. In writing classrooms, instructors now often grapple with difficult “detective” decisions about whether students have used GenAI tools in their writing processes or completed writing tasks directly using GenAI. As Matsuda (2025)¹ artfully puts it in his Facebook post, “Before GenAI, some writing teachers complained that their students were not writing well. Now they are complaining that their students are writing too well.”

This assignment invites critical discussions on the use of GenAI tools in writing classrooms. Specifically, you will compose **a position paper** addressing one of the following questions:

- Should writing classrooms welcome GenAI technologies? If so, how? If not, why not?
- What does “good writing” mean in the era of Generative AI? How does it differ from the traditional sense of “good writing”?
- Does the development of GenAI technologies level the playing field of academic publishing to reduce linguistic injustice (i.e., multilingual English writers are often perceived as disadvantaged when publishing in English journals)? If so, how? If not, why not?

Final Product

Your submission to this assignment should include the following **three** parts in one document:

- **Part A Your Position Paper:** Select one of the writing options provided above and compose a double-spaced position paper of about **600 words**. Format your paper according to APA Style (7th edition, e.g., 12-point Times New Roman, 1-inch margins).
- **Part B A GenAI-Generated Position Paper:** Choose a preferred GenAI tool and ask it to generate a position paper on the same topic you selected for Part A (around **500 words**). Format your GenAI-generated paper according to APA Style.
- **Part C Comparison and Reflection:** Compare your position paper with the GenAI-generated position paper. How are they similar and/or different in terms of ideas, argumentation, evidence, style, and voice (without focusing on length or formatting)? Which version do you prefer, and why? Your comparison should be around 200 words.

¹ Matsuda, P. K. (2025, November 16). *Before GenAI, some writing teachers complained that their students were not writing well. Now they are complaining that their students are writing too well* [Post]. Facebook.
<https://www.facebook.com/share/1DYX9nwJgm/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Following that, write a 400-word reflection on the writing process. Some questions to consider include: How does your writing process differ from the GenAI writing process (describe the prompt and procedures you used to generate the essay in detail)? Given what you observed, do you think it is still necessary to learn writing in the era of GenAI? Why or why not?

Writing Suggestions

- You are expected to use credible sources (e.g., journal articles, book chapters) and your personal experiences to support your argument in Part A. If you use others' ideas in your position paper, you must cite them properly according to APA Style. The following two article collections might be useful:
 - *Journal of Second Language Writing* 2024/2025 Special Issue on [Generative Artificial Intelligence in Second Language Writing](#)
 - *The Modern Language Journal* 2024 Perspectives on [New Technologies and Language Education](#)

You should be able to download these articles using the internet services provided by Northwest Agriculture and Forestry University.
- For Part B, you may reference the article titled [Three Ways ChatGPT Helps Me in My Academic Writing](#); a hard copy is provided for your easy access.
- You can approach Part C in many different ways. However, depth is preferable to breadth. That is, you should provide specific examples and details to illustrate your points rather than listing general differences.

Assessment Criteria

Your submission will be graded on the following criteria, which describe a paper that “Meets Expectations.”

Criterion	Description	Points
Argument and Support	The position paper (Part A) presents a clear, appropriate, and focused position on the selected question. Claims are developed with specific explanations, examples, and/or credible sources.	8
Comparison and Reflection	The comparison critically discusses the differences and similarities between human-written and AI-generated texts using specific details and clear examples. The reflection provides an in-depth discussion of the writing process with explanations and/or examples.	8
Formatting and Mechanics	The submission includes all three required parts in one document and is formatted according to APA Style (7th edition). Part B is included and appropriately formatted but not evaluated for content. The writing is clear, accessible, and easy to follow.	4