

Chem 197
Fall 2019

informal writing assignment iii

The first draft of any essay is a mixture of strong sentences, perfectly fine sentences, and weak sentences. In some sections your message is clear and in other sections the reader becomes lost. We revise our essays to make them better, both at the level of individual sentences and in how your argument develops from paragraph-to-paragraph. For this assignment, return to the second draft of your response to the prompt

Identify an object or an event from your childhood or adolescence that had an influence on your academic interests and, in approximately 250–500 words, describe the object and explain how it inspired your curiosity.

and revise it using our most recent set of Clark's tools: watch those adverbs, take it easy on the –ings, fear not the long sentence, establish a pattern and give it a twist, let punctuation control pace and space, prefer the simple over the technical, give key words their space, and seek original images. Some of these tools require that you look closely at your use of individual words; others require that you look for patterns in your use of words.

This is a good time to begin work on two additional things: look closely at your paragraphs and consider whether each has a single, clear theme, dividing it into two (or more) paragraphs if this is not the case; and, expand your essay by providing more details about the path that connects the object or event from your childhood or adolescence to your academic interests as an adult.

Save this draft in your Google Drive folder using *yourfirstname_iwai_draft3* as the filename. Your completed draft is due in class on Friday, September 13th.