

WRITING SURVEY

Instructions: Circle the number that indicates the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following questions.

1 Strongly Disagree 2 Disagree 3 Disagree Slightly 4 Agree Slightly 5 Agree 6 Strongly Agree

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| 1. Good writers are born, not made. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 |
| 2. Some people have said, "Writing can be learned, but it can't be taught."
Do you believe it can be learned? | 1 2 3 4 5 6 |
| 3. Do you believe it can be taught? | 1 2 3 4 5 6 |
| 4. The best way to learn how to write well is to learn how to think well. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 |
| 5. The best way to learn how to write well is to read a lot. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 |
| 6. The best way to learn how to write well is to write a lot. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 |
| 7. Hard work, desire, dedication, and enough time are all I need to become a good writer. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 |
| 8. I am a good writer. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 |
| 9. No matter how hard I try, I will never be a good writer. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 |
| 10. Some of the things my former writing teachers said made me believe I could become
a good writer. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 |
| 11. Some of my former writing teachers encouraged me to keep working on my writing. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 |
| 12. I believe I was born with the ability to write well. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 |
| 13. Good teachers can help me become a better writer. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 |
| 14. I have always been a good writer. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 |
| 15. I avoid writing. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 |
| 16. I enjoy writing. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 |
| 17. Writing is a lot of fun. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 |
| 18. Discussing my writing with others is an enjoyable experience. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 |
| 19. I'm not good at writing. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 |

Instructions: Please respond to the following statements by circling true or false.

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| 20. In past writing classes I wrote many impromptu essays. | True False |
| 21. In past writing classes I have engaged in freewriting. | True False |
| 22. In past writing classes I learned about "pre-writing." | True False |
| 23. Some of my former teacher acted as though the most important part of writing was
spelling, punctuation and grammar. | True False |
| 24. Some of my former writing classes emphasized creativity. | True False |
| 25. Some of my former writing teachers required me to submit rough drafts of my papers. | True False |