Gradient Quick Start Guide

Text Submission

Follow the instructor's directions for the current writing prompt, and be aware of the following:

**Due Date** - The date and time a submission is due will be listed. Assignments can be turned in late, but you will receive a zero (0) for the peer evaluation step, and your essay will not be peer reviewed.

**Word Count** - A word count range has been chosen and your essay must be within the minimum and maximum range. A word counter is displayed to help keep track of the current count.

**Text Editor** - The current text editor offers a range of features to help format the text of an essay. You may also copy your work from Microsoft Word, Google Docs, or other word processing tools easily using the editor.

*DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO SUBMIT YOUR ESSAY*

If you have issues email studiohelp@purdue.edu, but keep in mind messages sent late at night may not be responded to until the next morning.

Calibration

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. The outcome of your calibration will impact the peer evaluation step.

The purpose of this step is to help you identify writing problems and build skills that you will use when evaluating your classmates’ essays in the next step.

Gradient gives you three attempts per calibration essay to match your answers to the correct responses set by the instructor.

Peer Evaluation

Gradient will select three anonymous submissions from your fellow classmates for your review.

Your peers will NOT know the identities of their reviewers, but the instructor of the course will have that information.

These evaluations will require you to thoroughly read, review, and provide a score for each essay.

Self-Assessment

Gradient requires you to evaluate your own text submission. You are graded on how closely your review matches that of your peer reviewers.