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## **Declutter Your Writing**



## Directions: Declutter the following reflection so it is clear, yet telling.

The best part about writing is how unbelievably awesome it is to capture your ideas on paper. I think it is pretty cool. Writing ideas down allows for your thinking to go off to new horizons. There are a lot of interesting things that take place in our minds, and putting that stuff on paper is truly something that makes humans unique. It is through writing that ideas can enter the physical world and no longer be stuck in our head. Does writing make you an absolutely amazing thinker? You bet.

Although writing is awesome and makes people better thinkers, it must be noted that writing is difficult. It is common for slang, phrasal verbs and other bad things to mess up our thoughts. This is precisely why writers need to hit the books and read a lot. Reading the writing of awesome thinkers allows you to reach your A- game. My favorite writers are William Zinsser, E.B. White, and Joan Didion. By imitating these amazing writers, you can become a writing goat. And you can acquire the know-how to propel your writing to the promised land.

## **Example Answer:**

Writing is a great tool for capturing ideas. It is when we write that ideas take flight. There is something powerful about scribbling our thoughts on paper, and letting them take form. Something mysterious, personal, and uniquely human.

Here is a secret every skilled writer knows: writing is hard. Our ideas easily become clutteredslang, phrasal verbs, and unnecessary words cloud our thinking. This is why it is important to read. When you read great writers (William Zinsser, E.B. White, Joan Didion, and more), you enter the mind of a clear thinker-and, without realizing it, you adopt their ideas. It is this act of emulation that propels writing, and drives clear thinking.