

Dear Student,

Writing is an activity that many people engage in on a daily basis. Making lists, journal entries, reminders, notes, e-mail, text messaging are some of the products that you may produce frequently. There are many reasons why you may choose to write. For example, you may want to remember things, share thoughts with friends, entertain or persuade someone of a particular point of view. Pretending to be someone else perhaps in another time or place can be a way to understand more about yourself. In all of the opportunities you have to write, choose things that you care about and want to think about and then begin the experience of uncovering new information.

Your new folder will help you explore your world using words. The folder has been named the *reflecting folder* to highlight the need for thinking about writing before, during and after you capture thoughts on paper. You can use the tips on the folder to guide your drafting, revising, editing and publishing. Sometimes, you may abandon a piece before it looks finished. If you have nothing more to learn by interacting with the topic, stop and go on to experience a new idea. Inside the front cover, you can track your comments and suggestions to reflect on your current piece and guide you on your next piece. Keep the folder with you as you engage in the experience of capturing your thoughts.