



NSSE 2010 Mean Comparisons ^a
Consortium for the Study of Writing in College
Guilford College

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Consortium for the Study of Writing in College Questions						
<i>Refer to the CSWC consortium codebook for response option values.</i>						
	Variable	Class	Mean	Mean	Sig ^b	Effect size ^c
During the current school year, for how many of your writing assignments						
1. have you done each of the following?						
1a.	Brainstormed (listed ideas, mapped concepts, prepared an outline, etc.) to develop your ideas before you started drafting your assignment	FY	3.68	3.52	*	.15
		SR	3.65	3.38	***	.23
1b.	Talked with your instructor to develop your ideas before you started drafting your assignment	FY	3.18	2.97	**	.19
		SR	3.23	2.86	***	.35
1c.	Talked with a classmate, friend, or family member to develop your ideas before you started drafting your assignment	FY	3.34	3.34		.00
		SR	3.31	3.24		.06
1d.	Received feedback from your instructor about a draft before turning in your final assignment	FY	3.68	3.28	***	.33
		SR	3.35	2.91	***	.38
1e.	Received feedback from a classmate, friend, or family member about a draft before turning in your final assignment	FY	3.25	3.27		-.02
		SR	3.00	2.96		.04
1f.	Visited a campus-based writing or tutoring center to get help with your writing assignment before turning it in	FY	2.25	2.14		.09
		SR	1.73	1.75		-.02
1g.	Used an online tutoring service to get help with your writing assignment before turning it in	FY	1.84	1.69		.12
		SR	1.32	1.47	**	-.15
1h.	Proofread your final draft for errors before turning it in	FY	4.34	4.29		.06
		SR	4.44	4.35		.08

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2. During the current school year, in how many of your writing assignments did you:						
2a. Narrate or describe one of your own experiences	SWC1002A	FY	2.93	2.73	***	.19
		SR	2.63	2.50	*	.13
2b. Summarize something you read, such as articles, books, or on-line publications	SWC1002B	FY	3.45	3.22	***	.24
		SR	3.28	3.18		.11
2c. Analyze or evaluate something you read, researched, or observed	SWC1002C	FY	3.79	3.58	***	.23
		SR	4.01	3.62	***	.42
2d. Describe your methods or findings related to data you collected in lab or field work, a survey project, etc.	SWC1002D	FY	2.90	2.76	*	.12
		SR	3.04	2.92		.10
2e. Argue a position using evidence and reasoning	SWC1002E	FY	3.61	3.33	***	.26
		SR	3.67	3.11	***	.49
2f. Explain in writing the meaning of numerical or statistical data	SWC1002F	FY	2.33	2.36		-.03
		SR	2.38	2.57	*	-.17
2g. Write in the style and format of a specific field (engineering, history, psychology, etc.)	SWC1002G	FY	3.03	2.70	***	.27
		SR	3.48	3.26	*	.17
2h. Include drawings, tables, photos, screen shots, or other visual content into your written assignment	SWC1002H	FY	2.58	2.32	***	.23
		SR	2.76	2.82		-.05
2i. Create the project with multimedia (web page, poster, slide presentation such as PowerPoint, etc.)	SWC1002I	FY	2.68	2.40	***	.25
		SR	2.90	2.92		-.02

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During the current school year, for how many of your writing assignments						
3. has your <u>instructor</u> done each of the following?						
3a. Provided clear instructions describing what he or she wanted you to do	SWC1003A	FY	4.04	3.96		.10
		SR	4.03	3.92	*	.13
3b. Explained in advance what he or she wanted you to learn	SWC1003B	FY	3.80	3.73		.07
		SR	3.88	3.71	**	.18
3c. Explained in advance the criteria he or she would use to grade your assignment	SWC1003C	FY	3.96	3.90		.06
		SR	4.18	3.90	***	.30
3d. Provided a sample of a completed assignment written by the instructor or a student	SWC1003D	FY	2.77	2.95	*	-.15
		SR	2.64	2.77		-.11
3e. Asked you to do short pieces of writing that he or she did not grade	SWC1003E	FY	2.87	2.65	**	.19
		SR	2.41	2.20	**	.19
3f. Asked you to give feedback to a classmate about a draft or outline the classmate had written	SWC1003F	FY	3.16	3.01	*	.13
		SR	2.70	2.30	***	.35
3g. Asked you to write with classmates to complete a group project	SWC1003G	FY	2.93	2.61	***	.28
		SR	2.57	2.74	*	-.15
3h. Asked you to address a real or imagined audience such as your classmates, a politician, non-experts, etc.	SWC1003H	FY	2.95	2.81		.11
		SR	2.69	2.60		.08
Which of the following have you done or do you plan to do before you						
4. graduate from your institution?						
4a. Prepare a portfolio that collects written work from more than one class	SWC1004A	FY	.25	.12	***	.42
		SR	.20	.21		-.03
4b. Submit work you wrote or co-wrote to a student or professional publication (magazine, journal, newspaper, collection of student work, etc.)	SWC1004B	FY	.07	.04		.11
		SR	.10	.10		.00

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