



# “How to Write an Essay”

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# Take a Breath.

Stress makes writing tough!

Writing takes practice

Use your resources!

The Writing Center is awesome; peer consultants are from all walks of life and fields of study.

The Library has research tutors and other staff who want to help you!

Utilize the CO-WY AMP tutors

\*Remember that the people working at the University do so because they enjoy helping students succeed. Don't think you are a burden!



# Make a Plan!

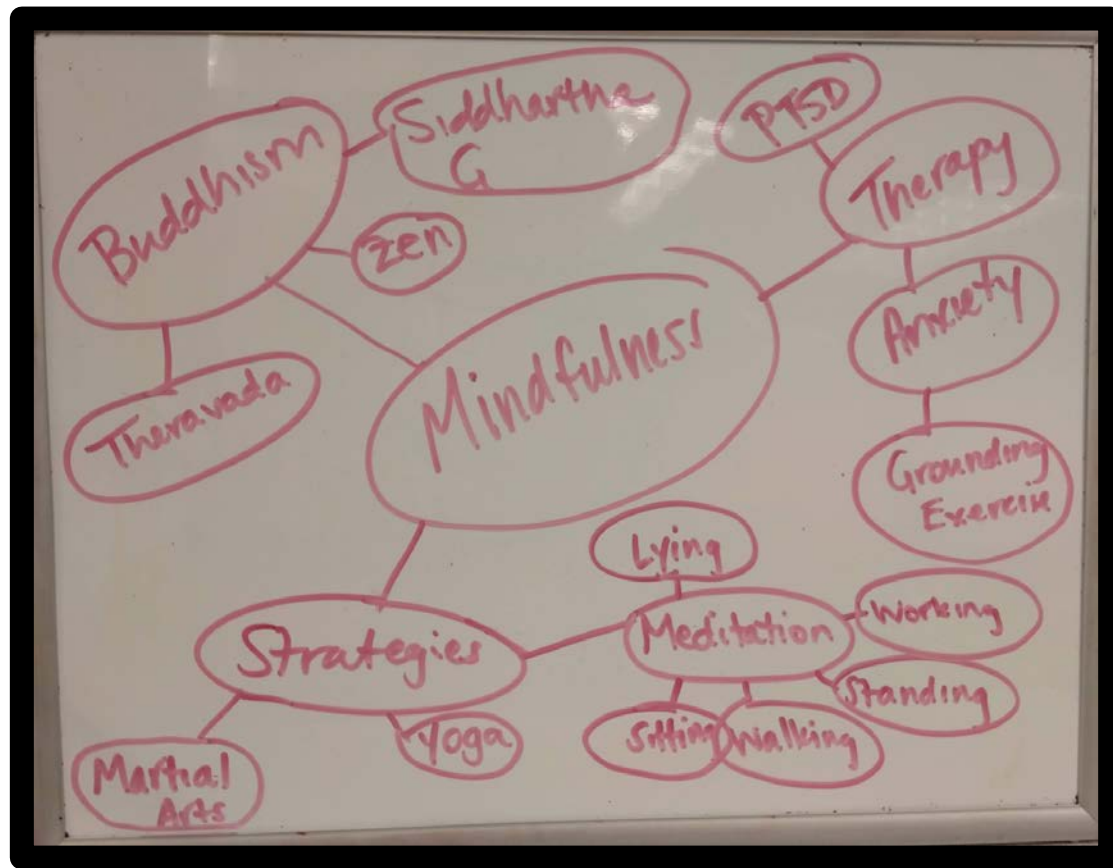
Planning and Organization is key!

Set deadlines to stay on track

Schedule writing times and stick to it!

Make a 'mind map' or an outline:

- Organization & Structure
- Directs Research
- Can be done throughout process



A Mindfulness Mind Map Made By Me! (Hooray, Alliteration!)



# Research!

Start broad! Narrow your scope as you research.

Start with a few potential questions (thesis statements).

Use the Auraria Library website to find physical and online sources

Take notes on sources with citations and page numbers, keep them in one place



# Drafting and Revising

You can start at any point in the paper, not necessarily at the Introduction.

Make a 'skeleton' draft with topic sentences followed by a bulleted list of evidence

Outlines and maps help you organize

Reverse outlines to stay on track



# Writer's Block?

Love “the crappy first draft”

Lower your standards!

Free write, then refine!

Talk about it with a colleague

Go to your professor's office hours

Visit the writing center



# Scholarship Specific Strategies

Highlight your skills, experiences, and what motivates you toward your goal.

## You Belong Here!

**\*Other students are thinking the same thing you are, which means there is always leftover money at the end of the year because students do not apply.**



When you're  
feeling  
overwhelmed

Remember you can start anywhere

Crappy first draft! Mapping!

Ask for help right away

Take a walk

Don't give up

Writing is not easy for \*anyone\*



# Write to Find Your Voice

Being able to communicate your ideas clearly will help you in your personal, professional, and academic life forever.

Start practicing now!