

It Takes a Village: Institution and Community Resources for Experiential Learning

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As a part of Middle Georgia State University's growing Professional Writing program, I want to engage my students through authentic learning experiences. While I design much of the work in these ~~courses~~ *courses* project-based, real-world examples, I wanted to give the students in my Advanced Professional Writing Course (PFWR 4660) a particularly authentic learning experience, one which included authentic writing projects.

We focused on the genre of the ~~white~~ *white* paper: a problem/solution report. Students read the past two white papers released by the university president's office. This genre study allowed them to determine the characteristics of a white paper as well as learn more about the university. ~~Most~~ *Most* graduate students are not aware of their own institution's stated ~~mission~~ *mission* long-term goals. Assigning these readings to advanced

