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B. Formal Writing on the Blog

An Essay in Several Steps

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Writing an essay requires several steps. We can conceive of these steps in terms of types of writing and types of editing. They are as follows:

- 1. **Free writing**. This kind of writing focuses your attention and allows you to find unique points of entry into a subject or allows you to explore the range of topics and arguments a subject can inspire. Audience: yourself.
- 2. **Blogging**. Because the audience of a blog post includes your teacher and your classmates, what you write will be a step more formal than that which was produced during the free-write. Requirements for this exercise are listed below.

Deadline: You must post it on the website: www.historiesofcatastrophicdreaming.wordpress.com