

# **Student User Guide**

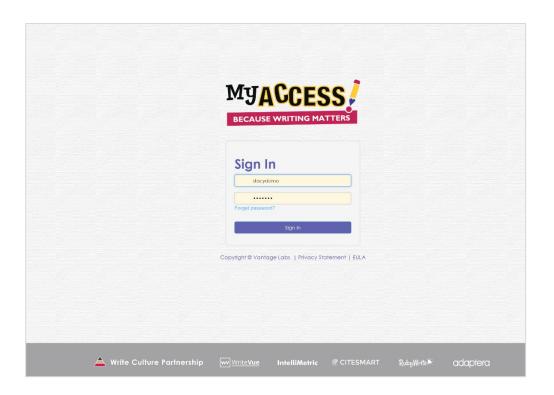


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# Logging on

Enter the url <a href="https://www.myaccess.com">https://www.myaccess.com</a>. Sign in with the username and password provided by your teacher.



# **Modify Account**



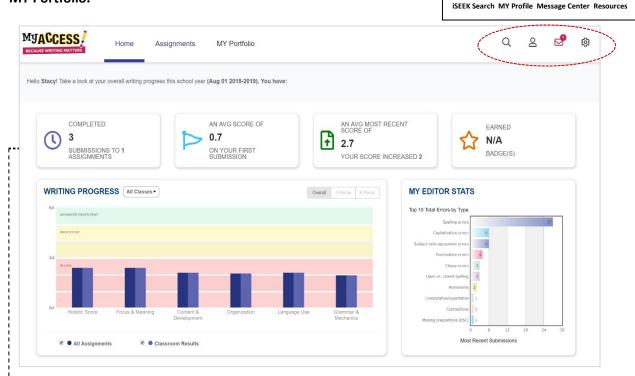
- 1. To modify the information in your profile, click the **Modify Account** button in the upper right- hand corner of the Home Screen.
- 2. You can make changes to your account information in the new window.
- 3. Click **Save and Exit** to update the information.

Note. You *cannot* edit your username. It is also best practices to update your password frequently. Please see your teacher if you forget your username or password.



#### **Home Screen**

From the Home Screen you can access the **Snapshot Report**, **Message Center**, **Modify Account**, **Assignments**, and **MY Portfolio**.



#### **Snapshot Report**

The Snapshot Report is where you can view your progress over time. The Snapshot Report is updated **nightly** to reflect your holistic or overall, writing performance as well as the five trait areas: focus, content development, organization, language use, mechanics & conventions. Your writing progress can fall into one of three levels: below proficient, proficient, or advanced. The Snapshot Report also allows you to quickly filter and view your writing performance for a specific class.

#### **Message Center**



The Message Center is located on the Home Screen. The Message Center will "auto-alert" you when there are new comments entered by your teacher. Once the comment is viewed, the mail icon status will automatically be updated.

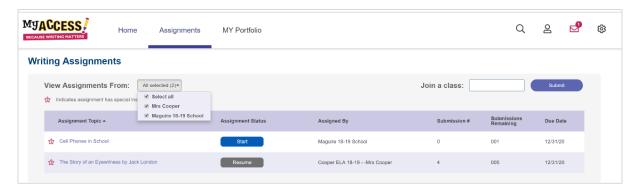
#### **MY Editor Stats**

MY Editor Stats displays your top 10 total errors made on your most recent submissions. For example, if you have composed and submitted two essays to three writing assignments, MY Access! would automatically sum the errors for each of your most recent submissions and display the top 10 in MY Editor Stats.



### **Assignments**

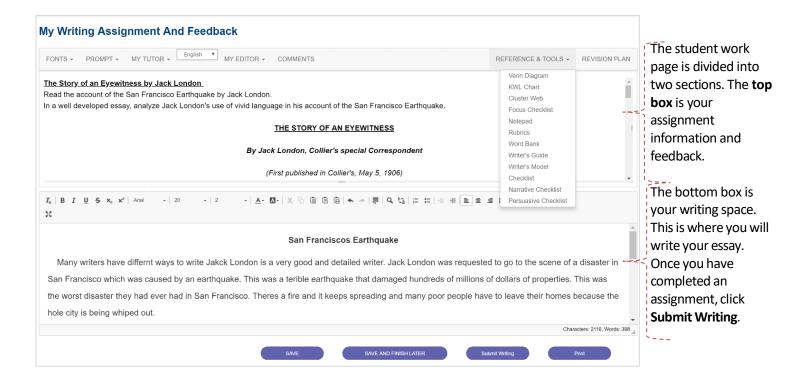
Under the Assignments tab, you can view the prompt, start a new writing assignment, or resume or revise an assignment in progress. Assignments are organized by teacher, school, or district level.



Clicking on the prompt title will display the assignment description and additional prewriting instructions.

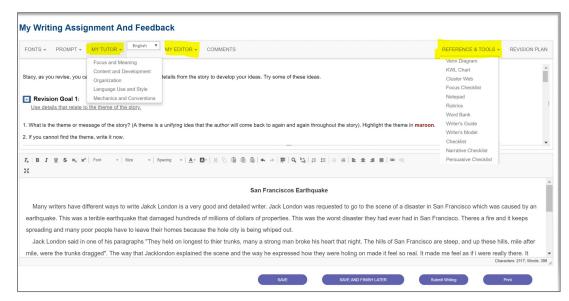
Clicking on the **star** icon will display special instructions from your teacher. Click **Start**, or click **Resume** to continue working on a writing assignment.

### **Completing a Writing Assignment**





### **Student Writing Screen: Using Tools & Feedback**



MY Tutor® returns feedback throughout the writing process for each of the five traits: Focus and Purpose, Organization, Content and Development, Language Use, Voice & Style and Mechanics and Conventions.

MY Editor identifies grammar, style and language errors and returns instructional feedback. MY Editor® feedback is available in Spanish, French, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Simplified Chinese, and British English.

- **Reference & Tools:** Provides you with numerous prewriting tools including access to graphic organizers, rubrics, the Word Bank, Writer's Guide, writer's models and checklists.
- Comments: Displays comments made by your teacher in the feedback window while you are revising your essay.

### **Understanding Your Individual Report**



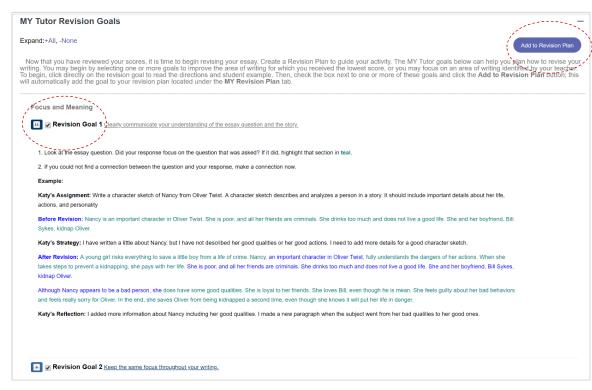
After you click **Final Submit**, your score and **MY Tutor Goals** will be displayed immediately. On the bottom of the report, you will see a graph of your writing performance on the assignment you submitted.

Your writing is assessed for its overall quality (holistic score) and for trait specific qualities (focus and meaning, content development, organization, language use, and mechanics and conventions).



#### MY Tutor® Goals & Revision Plan

On the bottom of the page is your MY Tutor Revision Plan for this assignment.

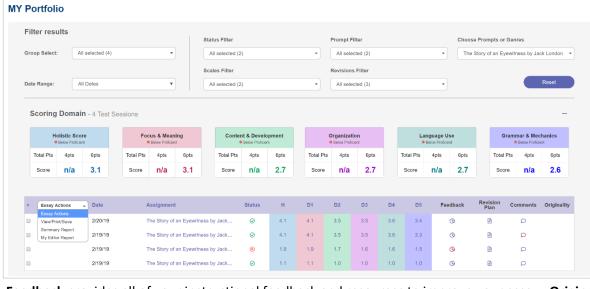


Your **Revision Plan** is an individualized plan to help you revise and improve your writing.

Begin with the goals under the first writing trait and work your way down the list.

Add a goal to your Revision Plan by checking one or more goals and clicking on the Add to Revision Plan button.

# **Understanding Your Portfolio**



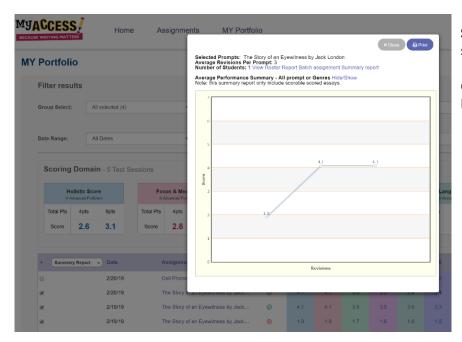
Click MY Portfolio to view all your completed assignments, scores and feedback. **Filter Results** allows you to limit the number of assignments displayed. **Scores** displays your holistic (overall) score and trait scores.

Comments provides a direct link to post or read teacher comments. Revision Plan displays your revision plan.

**Feedback** provides all of your instructional feedback and resources to improve your essay. **Originality** links to display the CiteSmart Originality Report(if available).



Essay Actions: Provides links to View/Print/Save, Summary Report, and MY Editor Report.

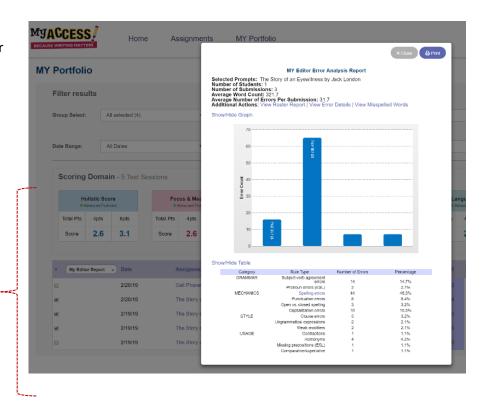


**Summary Report**: Displays a graph that shows progress over time.

Clicking on a score point will display the holistic and trait scores for that essay.

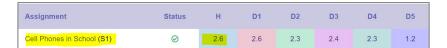
**The MY Editor Report** summarizes your grammar, mechanics, usage, and style errors,

If you would like to view all your MY Editor reports, you can access them by checking the boxes for the essays that you would like to view.





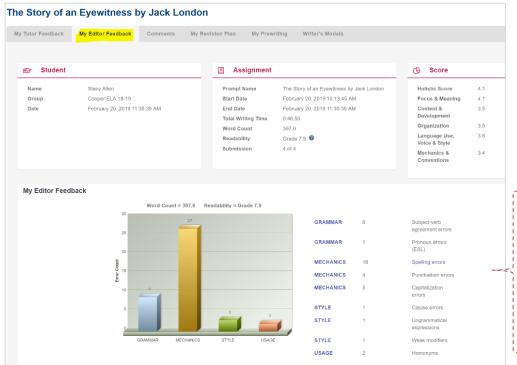
# **Using Your Portfolio**





Click on any of your assignment scores to view your essay along with its holistic score and scores in each of the domains:
Focus & Purpose, Content & Development,
Organization, Language
Use, and Mechanics & Conventions.

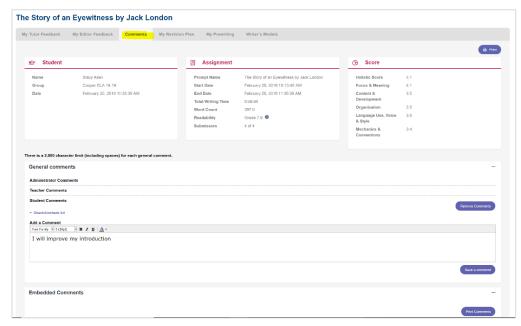
### **MY Editor and MY Tutor Report**



Click the MY Editor Feedback tab to display your error summary and your group information, assignment start/end date, word count, readability, and holistic and trait scores.

The bottom section of the report contains a graph of the error count by category: Grammar, Mechanics, Style and Usage.

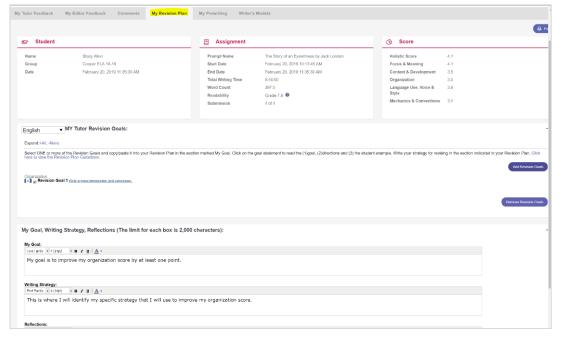
#### **Comments**



To post or view teacher comments for your essay, click the **Comments** icon on the portfolio page. To post a comment, click the **Add Comment** button. To remove a comment, click **Remove.** 

You will be alerted when new comments are posted.

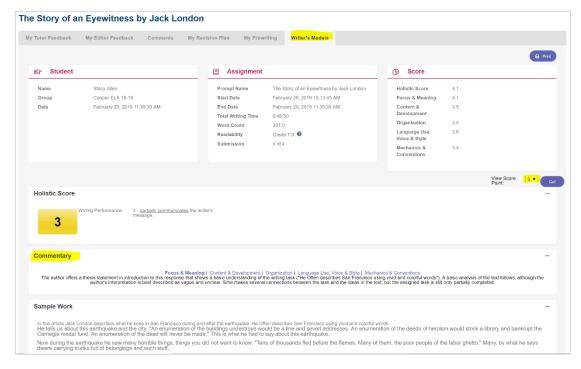
### **Revision Plan**



Use your **Revision Plan** to enter your writing goals, strategies, and reflections in the corresponding text boxes.

You can edit or add to these boxes at any time.

#### Writer's Models



The Writer's Models are examples of real student writing that has been scored on either a 4 or a 6 point rubric.

Each essay has a commentary that explains why the essay received that specific score.

## **MY Prewriting**

Click on **My Prewriting** to review the information you included in any of the graphic organizers that you selected.

