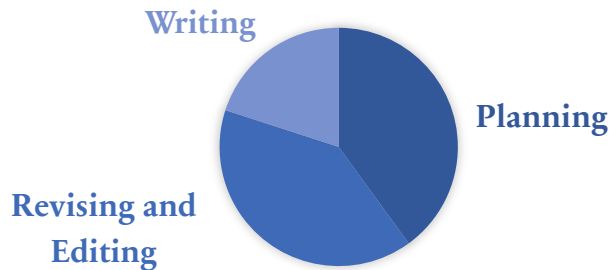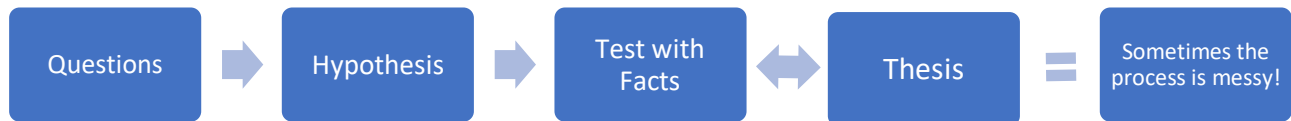# Writing as a Process

Tips from Dr. Heidi Snow

Professional writers divide their time primarily between planning and editing. Writing is only about 20% of their time spent.
The other 80% is divided between planning and revising/editing.

Writing

Planning

Revising and Editing

Writing as Thesis Testing – Larry Weinstein of Bentley College's model

Questions ⇒ Hypothesis ⇒ Test with Facts ⇔ Thesis = Sometimes the process is messy!

Revising vs. Editing

Revising	Editing
Taking a second look: re-seeing the piece: ○ Do I like it? ○ Does it say what I mean it to say? Looking at organization: ○ Does it have a clear thesis? ○ Does each paragraph stick to the thesis? ○ Does each paragraph and sentence forward the argument? ○ Do the paragraphs move the reader from one point to the next? Looking at engagement: ○ Does the opening paragraph grab the reader's attention? ○ Does each paragraph hold the reader's attention?	Only after everything else is done! ○ Have I cited properly? ○ Have I been tempted to use words that I don't really understand? If I have, have I taken the time to look them up? Have I checked for these common mistakes? ○ Sentence fragments or run-ons? ○ Subject/verb agreement? ○ Verb tense: accurate and consistent? ○ Parallel construction? ○ Pronoun reference? ○ Commas? Semi-colons? ○ Possessive apostrophes? ○ Accurate word choice (its/it's. then/than, affect/effect, etc.)?