Basic Craft in Writing

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In 16 hours, I present the fundamentals of writing papers in English (“craft”), and what constitutes a good applied empirical paper (“ideas”).

I first provide motivation for studying writing, and show that vocabulary is not a big deal (2H).

I’ll focus on how to write a good sentence (??), a solid paragraph and a section (??), and the introduction and conclusion of a paper (??).

I’ll also touch on editing, revising, and rewriting (??).

for the rest of the class, I’ll talk about what, in my view, constitute a good ideas in economics, using tons of examples from

I hope to help students get rid of fear of writing, and use writing as a useful tool for the rest of their lives for explaining, requesting, expressing, and discovering (and sharing discovery).

* A paper 10+ pages long, with 4,000+ words.
* Topics could be any subjects in social science: economics, politics, psychology, writing, and so on.
  + Should be written and edited to reflect the learning in this class.
  + Clear, good sentences, paragraphs, and opening and closing.
* Plus, an extra half to one page of comments on the class:
  + What are useful, what can be improved, what other areas that I have not touched but you find very important to you.