What follows is a survey of your current knowledge of the subjects, terms, and skills we will be learning this semester. In no way does this survey affect your course progress; rather, the survey simply gives us an idea about our starting point and helps us consider how we can help each of you be successful in this program.

Directions: For each of the following points, indicate your current knowledge or ability by circling one of the numbers.

1 = I know enough about this topic to explain it clearly to others.
2 = I know quite a bit about this topic.
3 = I know something of this topic.
4 = I have heard of this topic but don’t know much about it.
5 = I don’t know anything about this topic.

1. Thesis statement
2. Writing a paragraph
3. Writing a Summary
4. Writing Description
5. Creating and Writing an Analysis
6. Close reading
7. Annotating a text
8. Revising and editing your own writing
9. Critiquing others’ writing
10. MLA documentation/formatting of paper
11. Integrating quotations into your writing
12. Using outside sources in writing
13. Using the library for research
14. Using a computer to type papers