5.3: Chapter Summary

This chapter has helped you refine your writing skills. You learned to reflect on the audience and purpose of your writing, as well as the point of view and tone of your writing. You also considered sentence and paragraph construction, language, and grammar. It will take practice and time to refine your skills.

Your Writing Journey

Now that you have thought more deeply about your writing purpose, consider your audience. You now have the tools for engaging in "detective work" – reading between the lines of what is expected in your writing. Right from the start, you should think about who you are writing for, in what voice, and common pitfalls to avoid. Start by identifying the expectations of the writing assignment and considering the structure of your paper – this is the scaffolding for good scholarly writing.