3. Write a response to one of the following suggested writing questions as it relates to your theme.

Suggested writing questions for each theme

- **Motivation** What are the most important motivations these authors have for writing about their experiences of coming to the United States from another country?
- **Identity** In what ways did coming to the United States from another country shape the way these authors think of their identities?
- **Influences** What were the most important influences on their own writing that these authors shared?
- **Meaning of "American"** How did these authors describe how they define being "American" and how they see themselves in relationship to that idea?

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Student learning objective: To watch selected author videos purposefully in order to gather responses that will later be synthesized in writing.

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Watch four to six video clips of authors addressing a theme of your choosing **(Motivation, Identity, Influences, "Meaning of American")** and record your reactions below.

2. Pair up with students who share your chosen/assigned theme and share reactions and insights you are interested in writing about.