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Self-Reflection Essay (Final)

 As I walk into an English class, I always ponder at the thought of, “How will my writing improve?” I have implemented several steps of the writing process in the past, and this semester is no different. Writing, to me, is one of my stronger suits versus math or science. Throughout this course, I had some struggles with my writing sounded and struggled on how to properly fix it. Additionally, I learned some new techniques/things that I can use for my future English courses. Peer reviews and doing outlines helped me in this course as well. The MMT Translation and Presentation helped me explain my topic in two different types of media, the infographic and the actual presentation.

My creative non-fiction essay was the start of my professional college level writing class. This essay was a bit difficult for me, as I had to think about my identity factors, and write about them. One struggle would be including some details that were unnecessary. To me, with this essay, I feel as I have not gained any writing growths. I made a lot of errors and mistakes with defining words that were not meant to be placed in my essay as well as adding extra fluff. With this paper, I achieved revising strategies by going through my essay again and making any grammatical corrections or replacing some words to make the essay structure better. For future pieces, unnecessary details and words being defined may be affected.

 My next and second essay is my explanatory essay. This essay was a bit easier than the earlier essay because this was based on research, and I had the statistics in front of me. A struggle would be making my paragraphs too long, with non-important and key details being mixed up in said paragraph. With this essay, I have gained knowledge on my chosen topic overall as well as making breaking down my longer paragraphs into shorter paragraphs with new topic sentences for each. Additionally, I created an outline, which helped tremendously for me, with essay structure. With this essay, I achieved revising strategies by re-reading my essay, used online credible sources, and paraphrasing article texts in my own words. Looking into the future with my writing process, paragraph structure and non-important details may affect my writing pieces.

The RCA Essay was one of the more difficult essays, as it was an eight-to-ten-page paper based on our topic. In it, I went more in depth on explaining the positives, negatives, and the whole blue light issue with smartphones. I did not utilize the CCNY Library Database nor Google Scholar, even though I should have, rather, I went online (Google.com) and found articles that were related to my topic even more. Additionally, differentiating between academic and non-academic resources was a bit more time consuming on this assignment for me. Including adequate and important details was also a big issue for me. Additionally, the Report on Research in Progress assisted me in looking for research sources on the internet. This assignment made me focus on identifying academic sources to use towards my essay. When I had established my sources, I started writing my essay with information I had gathered from reading all the articles I planned on using. This report helped me figure out what information was missing in order to finish and complete this essay.

The Multi-Modal Translation & Presentation made me understand the use of using different types of media to reach different types of audiences. For my translation, my targeted audience was adolescents. In my infographic, I included pictures related to my topics on each slide, statistics, and facts based on the information from my RCA essay. For the presentation, I created a PowerPoint about my chosen topic. As my audience was adolescents, I presented some charts/graphs about my findings into my presentation.

Overall, I feel like my writing has improved with my discussion board responses and my essays. However, I do feel there are lots of room for improvement because everyone is not perfect, myself included. Creating outlines is something that I am going to implement for my writing papers. At times, deciding on which details are important or non-important is going to be difficult, for me. However, with practice, I can improve on vital details. Run-on sentences, for myself, is something that I noticed for my essay drafts, which I need to improve on. Hopefully, with these improvements in place, my essays will be better than the last one.Bottom of Form