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Abstract:

 Ever since I was little, I would brainstorm ideas from the writing assignment that my teacher assigned for homework and any in class work while Iwas in school. My writing evolved as I learned more in school and as I got older. I would often make a mess when writing with crayons, as I gotten older, I would transition from crayons to pencils, even though I would make mistakes such as misspelling due to not knowing how to use a computer when I was younger and as a result of that I would waste half of my eraser on my mistakes. My preferred way of learning was spoken, which explains ideas clearly. This has been going on since I was little, since I was in Pre-K, all the way through City Tech. I learned a lot from them and wrote a lot whenever they assigned a major paper such as a research paper. Language was hugely different in school, work, and home. When I am at school and work, I would talk in the English language due to being in a professional setting. At home I first learned how to communicate in my native language which was Punjabi growing up. I would communicate with my parents in Punjabi when I’m at home and when at a relative’s house. It helped develop communication in a bilingual sense and bilingual status. Therefore, now when I am at a family event, I speak both Punjabi and English at the same time.

 How I communicate and write at home and on social media is a complete contrast to how I communicate and write at work and school, in school and work I would be more professional and formal about how I communicate and write papers. In home and social media, I would be more open, vague, and personal, this balance of two modes of communication helped me with my writing because I apply both into any essay. In this technical age I can type about this dual strategy. It can improve any flaws I can have, such as writer’s block. In the future when I work for a major corporation such as google, I would be a professional and technical writer for them and master my writer's skills for them.

 My position on where I want to be in the future is clear, I would want to work for Google as a professional/technical writer hopefully making a lot of money. I also plan to work my way up by doing paid internship whether here at City Tech or a corporate office before or after graduating city tech with a bachelor’s degree in professional and technical writing. As a backup plan I am inspired to get a paid internship at a corporate office next summer, or a backup plan to do an internship at city tech in our PTW program. I had a Guest lecture from Professor Suzana Chung talking about internships in our program and how it can plan for my future once I get my job. I plan to build up by doing paid internships and entry level before finally reaching my end goal working in Google as a PTW writer.

In Gregory L. Ulmer, the design of the disaster, a short article he published while he was teaching at the University of Florida, he discusses electracy as an innovative technology. He said electracy is too digital technology to what literacy is alphabetic writing. He then uses terms such as orality, paleolithic, and literacy. Paleolithic is belief of animism, meaning anything is alive. Orality finds divine cause, creating religion and the institution of the church to address right/wrong behaviors mandated by God. Literacy showed nature as cause (phusis), creating true/false logics of science to manage materials laws. These are the 4 main apparatuses. The insights of the four main apparatuses are family, church, school, media. My relationship with these 4 main apparatuses is that I follow these every day in my life ever since I was a kid. It is essentially a disposition that I follow everyday now since living with it for so long. I also positioned myself to help me get my dream PTW corporate job at google by following my disposition since I was little. Since I work in technical writing, electracy is quite possibly the biggest help for me because I type most of my work in a word processor such as Microsoft word 365. Literacy also helped because you must go to school/college to finish your degree in the major you’re doing. What I really liked about this piece by Ulmer is how he described the 4 apparatuses. It relates to what I’m currently doing at city tech as previously mentioned.

 “Internet users can potentially use the unlimited online resources for learning, communication, career planning, and developing relationships. Technology provides students with essential learning tools that ease cooperative learning, offer exciting alternatives for developing language skills through experimentation (Ahmadi, 2018), and aid students in learning the operating rules of formal and informal languages (Douglas, 2009). Internet based learning promotes students’ autonomy and increases their motivation making the learning experience more student-centered (Ahmadi, 2018). Many schools now encourage students to use online resources to enhance learning and provide online portals that enable students to give their assignments, check grades, and collaborate with peers. Teachers, parents, and students agree, alike, that effective writing is a crucial factor in achieving academic and professional success. For example, employees or students who are skilled in using grammar correctly are entrusted withstanding for their company or school in written communications (Rushkoff, 2013) and are more valuable and promotable than those whose ambiguous writing style create uncertainty, confusion, legal liability, and embarrassment.”

 “Homer's poems and the Sanskrit epics reflected and affected the cultural and moral norms in their respective societies and beyond. Biblical stories influenced people over centuries, and still do. The legends of King Arthur and Shakespeare's plays, and more recently, novels such as 1984 and Brave New World, have had important roles in societies questioning their views and norms. And for many of us, Anne Frank's The Diary of a Young Girl and Steven Spielberg's Schindler's List have brought to life the harrowing nature of the Second World War better than most factual history books ever could. These are not just stories for entertainment. They're communicating ideas to the reader. They teach us facts or tell us the authors' opinions on certain matters. There must be a reason stories are a part of every society throughout history.”

 In conclusion, I am optimistic about my future in PTW and technical communication and using Ulmer text really helped me further understand what I need to do to succeed. The reading helped me relate to the four apparatuses and my goals to succeed in Professional and technical writing. It also helped me show my position and disposition.

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