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## <u>Literacy Narrative</u>

Throughout my lifetime, I have had a lot of experience as a member of communities and a writer where literacy was needed. Having literacy is having the ability to read and write and to understand different writings and readings that you see daily. Being with family, friends, and school helped me improve my literacy on paper and how I speak to others. All of these different communities and events that I witnessed in my life time helped my literacy improve and also made me the writer that I am today.

Being around family made me understand literacy and how it can be interpreted in different ways. My mother speaks with an accent because she is from the caribbean. I sometimes find myself matching her accent so that she can understand what I say. Sometimes I just speak in that accent because i'm around her a lot when she is speaking. I had to use my literacy skills to adapt to my mother's accent so that I can understand what my mother is saying word for word. I speak differently with my brothers and cousins since some speak normally and others speak with an accent. Based on who i'm conversing with, I use my literacy skills to communicate with each and every one of my family.

Other people sometimes don't understand my mother's speech but I understand it clearly.

Literacy is also needed for friendly conversations like friendly debates and talking about a certain topic. When i'm with my friends we understand what each other is thinking or saying when we have our friendly discussions. For instance, one of my friends can talk about which type of ice cream flavor they like and I could say that I like a different flavor. We understand each other enough to listen to each other's reason on why we came to love that flavor instead of saying that there choice of ice cream flavor is nasty or disgusting. These types of could conversations can be possible if you're literacy skills are really good. When I talk with my friends I make sure I listen and understand their side of the story before I start to give them any feedback. This way our conversation are fun and interesting. Being around some of my friends and their parents also helped my skills improve. One major experience I had with literacy is being able to understand some of my spanish friends language just by being around them a lot. I sometimes suddenly reply to them in their language without recognizing. This experience enhanced my understanding skills even more.

During my days in high school I used my literacy for various assignments and events. These different challenges helped my literacy improve a lot throughout the years of high school. During high school, I joined a debate club. In order to be successful in a debate, you need to be able to read the and understand the topic you have to debate about so that your argument can be powerful enough to win against the opposing team. I also had to apply my literacy skills into my classwork and my writing assignments. Without literacy skills, all of these obstacles would be really hard to overcome.

Having the ability to read, write, and understand can really help you in your everyday life. You'll be able to have good conversations, understand different speeches, and become a really good writer. My experiences throughout my life helped me improve my ability to read and write better. Literacy is used everyday in our lives and with it we can become great writers.