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Reflection

Before the class I was used to a specific structure which was essays. Making sure my essays had an introduction, body and conclusion. During this class we did do regular essays, but I was also introduced to different types of writings like haikus for example, which is something I wasn’t familiar with before taking this class. I had the opportunity to not only learn about different writing styles but also experience writing my own version of that style which I enjoyed very much. My most challenging writing experience also had to be when we wrote our own haikus. I wasn’t familiar with that writing style before, so it was a little difficult. However, haikus themselves have writing constraints which also made it challenging because it had to follow a very specific structure.

This semester one revision I did was my literacy essay, the first major essay we had. The most important aspect I had to focus on when revising my essay was elaborating on my ideas. I had my ideas and points, but I failed to connect them to one another and explaining its relevance to the thesis. I think my strengths as a writer is coming up with my thesis and points however one thing I do need to improve on is organizing my idea efficiently and elaborating on how it connects to my thesis. I think my writing has improved but can always still get better.

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The genre assignment was very helpful in terms of understanding writing because it exposed me to the idea that there are different genres in literature as well as writing styles. I never experienced writing in a different genre throughout my academic years just essays. I find dystopian literature enjoyable because these types of books and stories are meant to open our eyes on social or political issues that have occurred or can potentially occur in the future. They remind me of horror movies. Just like horror movies dystopian fiction usually portrays a pleasant setting and situation but later is destroyed and it becomes a nightmare. They get the audience to think about issues or at least open their eyes to potential issues that could take place in the future. Writing in my genre and repurposing it helped my writing because it showed me how one idea can be presented in many forms. I took my own version of my genre and completely changed it to another type of genre. The message stays the same just the form changes. The kinds of reading I do affect my writing because what I read is sometimes imitated in my writing. For example, when I was younger, and I had to write a poem I thought it had to rhyme only because I was exposed to poems that mostly rhymed so that’s what I was familiar with and I tried to imitate it in my own poem.

One thing I would suggest to someone else about writing is to explore different writing styles and genres to expand their writing skills. Knowing how to write in different genres and writing styles can greatly benefit how to organize your ideas for certain types of writing. Writing and reading is basically inevitable. Maybe not physically writing by hand or reading an actual book but we do it all day every day. For example, when we send a text. We read the messages and we write when we respond back. During Middle school I had a journal in which I wrote daily in and in Highschool most of my writing was presented in an essay, whether it’d be an

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informative or persuasive essay. I think compared to now my knowledge on writing expanded and since I was exposed to other types of writing forms and genres my writing skills have also strengthen. As I continue my academic career I hope that my writing becomes more structured and organized. I hope to expand my ideas and elaborate more on them.

Motto: Both reading and writing gives you the opportunity to live and experience multiple lives/perspectives.