

When going back and really reading through some of my homework, projects and essays I come to realize how much I have grown through this whole semester in multiple ways like a reader, writer and even as a listener which has allowed my English to grow as well. My least favorite assignment that was done very early in the semester was the one in which I had to write about myself and talk about things like my reading skills or writing skills which has definitely developed over the course of the semester, I said things like I am a good writer I am fine or think that that was my limit and that I wouldn't get any better but I couldn't have been farther from the truth. For example, "many things like that is what makes you a writer. And even the way we talk or the vocabulary we use towards others,". Also, "in my case the way I talk to a friend is different to how I talk to someone". Finally, "who I believe is in any kind of way superior but not like being better than me but more like my parents and family who I believe to be respected and talk as them being superior in some way.", these quotes are from my assignments at the beginning of the semester and it surprises me how bad my spelling, grammar and punctuation used to be. A way I would rewrite that same quote now would be something like this "and simple things such as that is what makes us a true writer, Even the vocabulary and the ways we talk towards others in some way.". Then, "The way I talk to my friends is different to the way I talk to others". And Finally, "like my parents or an older person whom I must show respect to as consideration.", although it is not a very big difference, I am now able to use punctuation more effectively and with more confidence as well as little things like turning my "i" into a "I" just capitalizing my I when referring to myself improves the performance of my writing a lot because that is the proper way to write it, and just like that my capitalizing kept improving which helps me write much more professionally and it even makes it look better. I have also learned a lot about genres, there are a lot of different genres and they all are written and read differently. This means that everyone has a genre which would work the best for them, one example of this would be how I prefer manga/comic over an essay because the pictures within a comic keep my imagination flowing and if I get confused or stuck in some way the images are there to help me understand what is

going on in some way, but just like I prefer comics some people prefer newspapers, videos, podcast, speeches and many different things but at the end of the day I was able to find the genre which works the best for me. Finding my genre/my preferred way of reading or learning will really help me in the long run in both my school life and outside of school, this will make my learning and reading in general more enjoyable which will also make it easier for me to concentrate on since I have always been forced to read in one particular way, I have always hated reading and found reading not helpful in the slightest but wasn't because I didn't want to read but more like I hated reading in such a way but I can now read in my preferred way and it just has such a impact that I have found myself reading books for fun. Comparing both my unit 1 final essay and my unit 2 final essay there is no doubt in the progress that I have made in a matter of a few months. For my unit 1 essay I was actually given feedback which I always appreciate because it is just one way that I am able to improve my essay and but the feedback which really impacted me/surprised me was one in which I was recommended to delete a whole paragraph from my paper for multiple reasons which I understood but it still really surprised me since before the feedback I thought that my essay needed no changes and could be left as is. As for my unit 2 essay all I instructed was to develop some more in my ideas and to fix my capitalization as I talked about before, and after looking back all this I really impresses me how much I have Improved and I hope to keep improving even more. I am really happy with my development over the time and as stated at the beginning of classes my goals are to improve my skills as a reader and as a writer and I am doing just that, although it is still not perfect it is a very good motivator to see how much I have grown.