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As we come to the end of the Spring 2021 semester. I learned a lot about myself in writing. Not only in English class but in general as a first-year college student. Though, I wouldn't say my writing improved but I do see changes or improvements that must be made. What I enjoy most about English class is writing about me or my life. As a writer, I feel like I write best when it's about my life, bad or good. Before I attended college, my essays were based on argumentative essays and I hated it because I find it difficult sometimes depending on the topic. But I could go on for days about me in writing, but I won't say much about me if we speak in person. It feels good to write it down and reread what I wrote. It had to be something I experience, know, or about me to get a good writing.

My issue with writing this year is trying to put it all together because it doesn't come out as good as it sounds in my head. I'm bad with organization, title, vocabulary, time management and my punctuation. I say organization because I just throw in words to make the essay look full when it doesn't really make sense. Also, time management messes up my organization because I tend to do my essay assignments late when really, I should have done it weeks or days to do it. Instead, I'm doing it two days before or the day of, which makes me rush my work and that's how I become unorganized. My vocabulary has always been poor I don't think its college level. If I did have better vocabulary my essays would've been more professional or better overall. Also, finding a title that goes along with my writing is hard because I want it to make sense along with my story.

English Composition II was the best class this semester. I say this because this the only class that was interactive with classmates and teacher all together. My other classes you just attend class, listen to lectures, and pay attention while he/she read along the slides. That's what makes me sleep during class. But English II by Carrie Hall was taught the best. There was classwork, discussions that weren't even related to school, and communication with other students in different break rooms. We're currently in a pandemic and due to this contagious disease Carrie Hall still made the classroom feel alive as if were in person learning instead of virtually. Only difference is we didn't see each other faces. I think that's great on how she set up the class and taught us. It gave off more a reality feeling to me. The class itself was okay I learned about different essay assignments that I like or didn't like about it. Also, assignments that I struggled in the most or found it a little difficult for me. For the classwork and homework everything was well explained and detailed for me to understand and write about.

My least favorite essay that I struggled in the most was Unit 1 "Portrait of A Word". Unit 1 was interesting to write about it because it was about a word you commonly use in a discourse community that has different meanings to it or a powerful meaning to you and your community. I enjoyed writing the word "Bet". I do think it was a simple word, but it meant a lot of different meanings in my community. But to write a one thousand words about "Bet" was difficult because what else can I say in this essay when I explained everything with examples and details. So that's where I started writing about anything that makes sense to complete the essay to make it look full. "Anyone can say or write the word "bet" no matter the race it's just a slang that is commonly used not only just in New York City". This sentence is unnecessary but it's an example on how I'm saying anything to complete the essay which can probably only make the essay worse. Unit 2 "Research" was a topic I was been concerned about in my world and just

wondering why it is happening to most black people and what consequences are being done to bad cops. I find it a little difficult due to finding good sources online. Overall, the assignment was good to write because I understood it, I took my time, and this is where my vocabulary improved because I wanted to sound different for this essay. “What makes a black person so different from a pale, white person? They can both think. They can both speak. They can both act on their free will. They both work to meet their personal needs. Why treat them differently?” This quote meant a lot to me because there shouldn’t be no difference about us due to our skin color, we are all the same. Unit 3 “Documenting Your Life” was my best assignment I love being creative and I was already tired of writing essays. Also, this assignment I get to write about me and my life during quarantine which didn’t go so well for me. Writing a comic book was fun I have never did that before but the experience of it was great. “This isn’t so bad, Although I do miss my friends and my favorite teachers. I also miss being in the halls, staircases, at clinical and being outside.” I hate being inside I’m a productive person staying inside drains me. Overall, each assignment I improved, and I learned something new.

English Composition II taught me I need to work on taking my time, learn new words to improve my vocabulary and come a better writer in general. I improved a little with vocabulary nothing else. Looking back at the progress I made I should’ve done better and took it more seriously. Though what I learned in this class will always stay with to continue my growth and further my learnings to be a better write than I am today. My voice in writing is what makes the essay sound good other than that improvements must be made.