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As this semester concludes, I found my journey as both a reader and writer. It's been some transforming time over a few months, and I know what value I hold with the insight I've had with my capabilities and growth here.

This semester, in fact, I learned a lot, finding out my strengths and weaknesses as a reader and writer. This semester, I got more critical in engaging a text past shallow details and into meanings and implications. I've also gotten a little bit more cognizant of the fact that I tend to sometimes skim over material when I'm pressed for time and have been trying to focus on fine-tuning my attention to detail.

It was when I became a writer that I learned how important planning and revising my work were. I realized good writing was probably a natural gift, and my first draft would be almost perfect. But I have learned that writing is a process: it involves a number of drafts and revisions. This fact alone is the reason I am able to be patient and industrious in writing.

I have undergone a process of skill development as a reader and writer that included growth in appreciation of the power of language and the necessity for clarity and coherency. The major change I have noticed is my ability to structure my writing. For my first assignment, I was struggling how to give shape to my thoughts. However, by the time I finished my last assignment, I was able to present my ideas in a more logical and structured way.

During this class I learned how to fix my grammar and made vocabulary stronger. I realized this will give me a big impact in the world. For example, if I come out to the real-world

and work I would talk professional. I believe that having ENG 1121 gave me a better understanding of vocabulary and grammar that needed to be used.

The skills I have learned from this class will be of considerable advantage to me in doing other writings in college and in my community. The work on critical reading has built my ability to analyze and interpret texts, something I believe will be very important in other academic courses. The focus on proofreading and clarity will assist me in producing higher quality work in any writing assignment.

For instance, in my Unit 2 assignment I included the quotes “Climate change can impact human health” This quote was used to support the topic I was writing about and made my audience more aware of what going on around the world. By this evidence I have learned to strengthen my audience awareness and made my quote more outstanding. Furthermore, in my Unit 1 assignment I included the quote “ Continue with school and have a good career.” This quote was used to explain the word of the beat in my Unit 1 which was “school.” It made me become a stronger person. I included these particular examples in my writing because it goes along with the topic I written.

In Conclusion, this semester has been an improvement with regard to reading and writing. In this regard, I have learned a lot regarding the processes of reading and writing, hence making me take a step higher in my academic quest and prepared for the same in other professional fields. The lessons learned in this class have been based on what I had learned in my previous knowledge from English 1101 and have given me lots of experience in writing, hence preparing me to write reports and other essays for my other courses. This reflection is testimony to my journey and all the progress that I have made. Thanks to the class for the opportunity to learn and grow, and I look forward to applying these skills in other facets of my life.

