Comment: I wrote this assignment through my own real experience. In my first draft, I wrote a lot to describe my experience of learning language. But they are not related any way. So I made appropriate modifications to make the reader understand the connection between these things. From this assignment, I clearly recognize that I am growing.

Literacy Narrative

When I was 5 years old, my mother always told me some story before I sleep at night. From this story, I can learn about how to communicate and make friends with the other one. After that, I found that I was interested in biology. Whenever I hear "Entomological memories" I am always unable to sleep, because I was so excited. But my mother had a lot of work, she become more and more busy. She asked me to study and read by myself. Therefore, she bought some books for me to study. When I read the first story, I couldn't understand what the story said. I tried to find each word meaning in my dictionary. At that time, this is the best way for me to understand this story. When I was in elementary school, the teacher gave us homework we had to read and understand an article. Then, we had to talk about what the article mean during next class. If you didn't do it, you will be punished. I was afraid that the teacher would punish me, so I asked my parents and classmates to help me with my difficulties. After 6 years, I graduated from elementary school, at that time I could write a simple article about 400 words. By using this skill, I passed most of my Chinese exams. Until junior high school, a huge problem appeared.

In junior high school, I learned how to read classical Chinese. The classical Chinese is an article with thousands of years of history in China. This kind of articles is a huge problem for every students. At the same time, teachers asked me to remember of a lot of poems and classical Chinese. Students had to write from memory. We actually didn't know why we need to do this. But now I understand this approach, it is to protect our traditions. And so that we can understand the thoughts of the ancients. Then my contact with English began.

My first year high school was in China, we began to learn some basic English. We had to remember different words meaning in Chinese and some basic grammar. When I first read English article I found it a lot different between Chinese grammar and English grammar. Translation and understanding each English words meaning is the most important thing. During the break, I asked my English teacher:" Can you communicate with foreigners?" She said " Of course !" I was confused into how she spoke good English and never went to the other country. I failed my English exam, because I didn't understand the article. I asked my teacher " How can I strengthen my reading ability?" she said " You can try to see some English movies without Chinese subtitles, just focus on what they are talking about. Since then I have learned to imitate others to speak English. After finishing my first year of high school, my family and I emigrated to the United States.

when I enter the United States the police ask me to do something. But I couldn't understand. So I needed to rely on translation to communicate with him. In this case, I knew I would face a lot of difficult things in my study. As I expected, in my first ESL class I want to go to bathroom, but I just know the word "bathroom" and I don't know how to organize words to make it become a sentence. I said "Ms bathroom !" Then my finger is pointing to the door, It means " I want to go outside." My teacher knew what I meant, but she didn't allow me to go. She said " You should say ' May I come to the bathroom?', try to say!" At that time my classmates looked at me and I felt embarrassed. As time went on, I learned more English. Although as you say this is " broken" English, but I will continue to study hard to make my English more prefect. Whether it is reading, writing or speaking.

Comment: When I first wrote it, I used other people's words to introduce the cover letter, and used my own words after revision. In terms of content, I added more explanations and then added an article. I chose a cover letter as my genre because it is a way to show myself to others.

Annotated Bibliography

The cover letter is usually posted to the recruiter along with the resume, which is used to inform the recruiter about his motivation to apply for the position. You can mention your experience and other important information in the cover letter to attract recruiters.

Julianne Ruth. “Brain Injury Survivor: The Story of an Actress”. Kickresume network. 11 oct.2017

This cover letter mainly describes the author's work experience and injury experience. At the beginning of the article, the author tells that she is the fashion show model of the Polish Fashion Week. She has represented many famous people. And produced a TV series with the director Allen Bauer. Then she had suffered serious injuries in 2014. In the process of recovery, she re-learned to walk and speak. By reciting her lines, she found herself harder and more resilient than before. Finally, the author said that she has a charisma and dedication. The tone of this letter is cheerful. Julianne Ruth said “I'm sure you will find that my charisma and dedication will be an asset to your company” It used simile，simile is a figure of speech comparing two unlike things that is often introduced by like or as (as in cheeks like roses). Author said her charisma and dedication is helpful for company，It seem like an asset. For a company, asset means money what is most lacking as a company. The use of this simile is attractive to the reader's needs, and the reader hopes that the company will consider more from her merits whether to give her a good position. Recruiters can think about this person facing life with a positive attitude after suffering. This spirit is very important for any problems the company faces in the future.

Andrea Kesay. “Motivation letter: Community Enivronmental legal officers for Coastal region”. Kickresume network. 17 June.2016

This cover letter mainly talks about how the author contributes to the improvement of the environment and hopes to obtain the position of environmental law officer. At the beginning of the article, the author talks about the contradiction between human resources development and the beautiful environment. Excessive development must cause damage to the environment. Because of the study, the author, participated in the Japanese team to protect the environment, and contributed to Japan's low-carbon life navigation in 2050. He want to get the position of Environmental Law Officer, because he understand the difference between development and implementation of environmental laws in Kenya. He writes this formal letter to the government for prove that he has enough work experience and he has the ability to implement the law to protect the environment. The author hopes that the Kenyan government understands that he has such strength. Andrea Kesay said “I would like to be part of the team that finds remedies for the communities to be able to live in harmony with the environment so that we can eliminate future conflict. I believe right governance and good policies, which are implemented well, are one of the key ingredients for sustainability.” It expressed the author's eagerness to participate in environmental protection and praised the Kenyan government's policy is correct. It takes care of the reader's feelings and shows that he can play a very good role in environmental protection in Kenya.

Sandy Mclarker. “I want to get a Peer Study Team Leader position”. Kickresume network. 1 Aug. 2017

This cover letter focuses on how the author demonstrates his strengths by introducing his or her own learning experience. First of all, the author tells that he studied very seriously at the University of Toronto and won important awards. He then introduced himself to participate in the work in the process of learning. At work, he worked seriously, so the position was improved. Then, he said that he was living independently through speeches. He is a foreign student, so he encountered many difficulties in college in the first year. But he loves learning and patiently overcomes all the difficulties. The tone of this letter is funny. The author happily introduced himself to help others and has a lot of time to do the job. In addition, the author also said that he can not only be responsible for this job, but he can also handle more complicated situations. Author said “It might sound nerdy, but there is nothing more rewarding to me than helping other people succeed. I have always had a real love for learning, and I feel most fulfilled when I get to share my love with others. This passion has guided me to leadership roles throughout my life. ” Here is the author who is a person likes to help others.This quality is what the leader needs most. Since the job he applied for is a leader, this part of the content can give readers more appeal. Of course, a leader needs not only the idea of ​​helping others, but also the ability. The author has good grades and rich work experience. This makes him about to be hired

Julius Malema. “Financial Analyst Position”. Kickresume network. 31 Oct.1999

This cover letter mainly talks about the author's ability to help organizations improve their functions in the financial sector, as well as many achievements and internships during college. Finally, his travels around the world gave him a lot of insights. The author officially talks about his experience of traveling around the world. He learns the management methods of different economic situations in different countries in the process of traveling around the world. The purpose is to reflect his rich knowledge and tell the company that he can cope with various difficulties. At the same time, he said that he has the qualifications and abilities required by the company. Julius Malema said: “my hope is to work for an organization like Hylant, with ideals.” The author compares himself to a large organization. In order to let recruiters know that their ability level is relatively high. The financial sector often faces change. Just like the stock market. The author traveled the world, experienced and understood so much change. When the organization faces difficulties in the future, he can still calmly solve the problem. This is a strong player in financial markets.

Mary Parker. “Commercial Operation Specialist”. Kickresume network. 2nd Oct. 1997

This cover letter is mainly about the author who has 5 years of experience in commercial work and works for many big brands. He also has a variety of data analysis capabilities, he likes to study mathematics and solve problems. He funnyly introduced himself to working in a big brand company. He always gets the attention of the boss because of his intelligence. The author speaks about these experiences in order to show that he can do so well in his work at a big company. So hiring him to the company will definitely bring huge profits to the company. He said “I’ve built my career in a variety of roles and industries, mostly in international companies such as PANDORA, IKEA, JABRA & VELUX, where I'm used to wearing many hats.”In here the author uses a simile to compare a famous brand to a hat. Highlighted his strength. He told recruiters that he can make famous brands like a small thing. The recruiter may think that he is a person who must be hired, so the author has achieved his goal.

Doris Johnson. “Human Resource Manager”. Novoresume network. 21 sep, 2018

The letter mainly states that the author, as a vice president of the national food chain, has worked at various stages of the company. These include companies that have just started and large companies. Due to her extensive experience, she is very clear about all indicators. Can help companies monitor data and make judgments. The author then listed his achievements, including managing more than $ 100 million in department operations. Therefore, she is an experienced person who can reduce unnecessary losses for the company. He said“ I Proved a vital team member that conducted a complete leadership reorganization that resulted in a 10%improvement in productivity within the sales department and a 15% improvement within the technical team.” It shows he uses data to show the authenticity and let the company understand his role from the data.

Comment:I checked more information and learned more about the laws on cannabis. So I made drastic changes to the letter to the government. Through this research, I learned a lot about the use of cannabis and updated my views on cannabis.

Research and Audience

What is Marijuana? Marijuana refers to the dried leaves, flowers, stems, and seeds from the Cannabis sativa or Cannabis indica plant. The plant contains the mind-altering chemical THC and other similar compounds. Extracts can also be made from the cannabis plant. Marijuana is the most commonly used illicit drug in the United States. Its use is widespread among young people. In 2015, more than 11 million young adults ages 18 to 25 used marijuana. Marijuana has mind-altering compounds that affect both your brain and body. It can be additive, and it may be harmful to some people’s health. According to “How marijuana affects your brain and body” shows: using marijuana can cause addiction, memory loss, social anxiety disorders, Paranoia, heart damage, Lung problem and so on. We need to ban marijuana. But I have no right to do it. So I can tell government here that marijuana is harmful to the people and hope it can create a law to banning marijuana. I also want to tell people who smoke marijuana： You must stop smoking marijuana, it affects the health of you and those around you.

Dear government,

Since my neighbor smokes marijuana every day. The smell of marijuana always affects me through the windows of my house. Keep me from focusing on my own business. For this reason, I want to complain to my neighbors in the past, but I am afraid of hurting the relationship with my neighbors. I wondered how we could make marijuana less accessible. I learned about cannabis in New York: “ when containing more than 0.3% THC, is illegal for recreational use, but is permitted for medical use, and possession of small amounts is decriminalized.” It regulates the content of cannabis products and allows medical use. First, medical use of cannabis is the right choice, but it does not strictly control recreational use of cannabis. I hope marijuana can remain illegal. In 2019, New York enacted legislation expanding the decriminalization of recreational use of Cannabis, but not legalize. According to “Smoking Weed in New York Is Now a Fine-Only Offense” say:“ Smoking marijuana in public in New York State can now only be punished with a fine rather than jail time after a new decriminalization law went into effect Wednesday, August 28th.” This shows that New York's management of marijuana is not strict enough. I really hope you can restrict the use of marijuana more strictly. Our citizens in New York do not want to inhale too much second-hand smoke at subway stations and on the roads. At the same time I hope you can encourage more medical use of cannabis. Smoke marijuana can treating chronic pain. Last year, a large review from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine assessed more than 10,000 scientific studies on the medical benefits and adverse effects of marijuana. One area that the report looked closely at was the use of medical marijuana to treat chronic pain. Chronic pain is a leading cause of disability, affecting more than 25 million adults in the U.S.

The review found that marijuana, or products containing cannabinoids — which are the active ingredients in marijuana, or other compounds that act on the same receptors in the brain as marijuana — are effective at relieving chronic pain. After reading it, I thought, if we can use illegally confiscated cannabis for medical treatment, then we can save more patients. Finally, thank you for listening to my opinion.

Dear Smoker,

As far as I know, you spend a lot of money every day buying and smoking marijuana. First I will tell you if you do not smoke marijuana for several months. The money you save is enough to buy a car. It may not be enough to attract you, but if you insist on not using marijuana for years, you can even buy a house with the saved money. According to “Colorado passes $1 billion in marijuana state revenue”, Since July 2017, Colorado total monthly tax and fee revenue from marijuana sales has never dipped below $20 million. In February 2014, the first month with sales tracking data, total state revenue was $3.5 million. From these data, people spend a lot of money on drugs. I think that if people use this money to help the poor, the average living standard of the people will be improved. So I hope you can use your money in the right place. Then I want to let you know about smoking marijuana. Endangers your health and the health of those around you. According to “The Harmful effects of Marijuana”, “The immediate effects of taking marijuana include rapid heart beat, disorientation, lack of physical coordination, often followed by depression or sleepiness. Some users suffer panic attacks or anxiety. But the problem does not end there. According to scientific studies, the active ingredient in cannabis, THC, remains in the body for weeks or even months. Marijuana smoke contains 50% to 70% more cancer-causing substances than tobacco smoke. One major research study reported that a single cannabis joint could cause as much damage to the lungs as up to five regular cigarettes smoked one after another. Long-time joint smokers often suffer from bronchitis, an inflammation of the respiratory tract. The drug can affect more than your physical health. Studies in Australia in 2008 linked years of heavy marijuana use to brain abnormalities. This is backed up by earlier research on the long-term effects of marijuana, which indicate changes in the brain similar to those caused by long-term abuse of other major drugs. And a number of studies have shown a connection between continued marijuana use and psychosis.” Hopefully after I have explained the dangers of cannabis, you can quit it.

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Comment：This writing brings me more experience of how readers feel and how to please them. Because in the cover letter it is necessary for the recruiter to quickly understand and recognize you.

4. Reflection of genre

My genre is a cover letter. The cover letter is usually sent to the recruiter along with the resume, which is used to brief the recruiter about his motivation to apply for the position. People write cover letters in order to get a job they like. Since the main purpose of the cover letter is to introduce myself to the recruiter, the cover letter I shared was written in the first person. Recruiters need to understand each other's strengths when looking for talent. Therefore, every cover letter requires the author to show his own strengths. However, only the specialty is not enough to attract recruiters, but also needs enough work experience, readers can learn from my work experience, my ability to deal with special things, and my work skills. The cover letter is intended to attract recruiters. It is obviously not enough to introduce yourself. It also requires certain skills, such as: praise the company you applied for and praise the advertisement for recruitment. The beginning of the cover letter I shared mentioned the praise. I learned in the topic of cover letter, I need a good diploma, my own strengths, and a wealth of work experience to find a good job. So I plan to go to another company for an internship for a while before I find a job, to increase my knowledge. When I write my cover letter, I need to find a way to make readers feel good about myself, so it is necessary to praise the recruiting company. Finally, I also want to learn how to write a cover letter that is of interest to recruiters. Because proper funny can make readers feel good about me.

Through this writing, I learned how to summarize and simplify what to express. I think that Imagination is my strength when I was writing. For example, when I saw a report about the hygiene of a restaurant being unqualified, I can imagine the process of the chef smudging food in the cafeteria. And not found. I can express the same thing in different ways. For example: "I like other people's girlfriends" can also be said as "I like girls already have a boyfriend." But at the same time, I also found that I have many shortcomings. I hope that my ability to use words and grammar will be improved. These two aspects are my weakest places. To achieve this goal, I need to read more English books and watch English TV programs.

Comment: This is an imperfect writing. Because my purpose is to analyze the genre. But light music is difficult to analyze without lyrics. At the same time, I also explored my favorite music genres

5.Think the genre in class

Light music is my favorite music genre. Light music can make people work hard, relieve stress, avoid chronic diseases, etc. These are medically based. In medical research, it is found that frequent contact with light music rhythm and rhythm can have certain effects On the brain wave, heartbeat, gastrointestinal motility, magnetic induction, etc., and thus make the body and mind healthy. The invisible power of music far exceeds personal imagination, so listening to light music and appreciating light music is a very common life adjustment for modern People. I always listen light music after class, it makes me feel relaxed. When I feel unpleasant, I will listen to some lighter music. It can give me a good mood. In a sense, it can cure my bad mood. Piano Prince Richard Clayderman is my favorite light music artist, his music works can easily bring you into a dreamlike scene. In the few seconds before his famous work "The Wedding in Dreams", the piano sounds seem to have an unknown power to bring you into the wedding hall. This song is full of his mysterious feeling about the wedding. He can tell what he imagines in a song without lyrics. This is the place where he is most attracted to me. Although there is no lyrics in light music, but it can make the audience feel the same. I believe this is the most magical place for light music.

6.Final Reflection

Dear Professor Jewell:

This is my first year in college and I am very honored to be your student. Here I will show you what I have learned during this semester.

The first day in your class, I heard the students communicate in fluent English. At that time, I was worried about whether I could be a good writer in the future. Soon after, I wrote my first Literacy narrative. This article contains a lot of my language learning experience. But it has many syntax errors, and there is no relationship between these things. For example, at the beginning, I wrote about the process of teaching me language learning through my mother, and in the next paragraph, I began to talk about my contact with classical Chinese. Then your evaluation said that I wrote a lot of interesting experiences and has potential for development. These words encouraged me to make changes, so I revised the article from beginning to end. The biggest change is the increased correlation between everything. Let the reader understand that from the beginning of language learning to contacting classical Chinese was because I encountered great difficulties. Then I continued to talk about my experience in English, coming to the United States, and using English.

Before every time I post an article to openlab, you will give a class time for us to read other students' articles and modify them-peer reviewed. From the peer review, the classmates helped me point out my deficiencies. There is a place in my article that says: "It's addictive" but before that I didn't specify what "it" means. Later I changed "it" to “cannabis” to make the reader understand what I said.

When working on rhetorical analysis，I don't understand what rhetorical analysis means. At first I just thought of it as looking for something to analyze its composition. Later, you told me during class. A rhetorical analysis can be: When a person comes to you, you observe his dress. For example, the color of his hair, the accessories he wears, etc., to analyze whether this person is a serious person or a funny person. In the homework of rhetorical analysis, I analyzed cover letter, the author using simile to write: " I ’m sure you will find that my charisma and dedication will be an asset to your company." It seems like an asset. I remember when choosing the genre. My first choice is light music, because light music is my favorite music genre. I have given a lot of explanation and analysis to light music. In the comments you said that light music has no lyrics, but I chose it as my genre. This is obviously difficult to accomplish. After listening to you, I thought about it for a day, and then decided to change my genre into a cover letter. I still think this is the right choice. Without your reminder, I may not be able to complete this homework.

In retrospect, I really learned a lot about writing skills from you in this semester. I will send you an email when I get confused, and you are very patient to answer my questions. In class, I listened carefully and communicated with my classmates. I got a significant improvement in speaking. I still remember that I didn't understand what classmates talked about in first class, and now I can basically understand the exchanges between the classmates and what you say.

I still remember the first time Presentations, I told you that I was afraid to communicate with English speakers. In class, you gave me a lot of opportunities to communicate with other students. I learned a lot from your arrangement, thank you!