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 *Looking back at my literacy narrative I realize I had made many mistakes. One of the*

*mistakes I made was grammatical errors. Also, some of my sentences in my literacy narrative*

*had a lot of run-ons I saw that some of my sentences was so detailed and long that I didn't know*

*where to stop and begin a new sentence. Also, another thing I noticed was that I needed to*

*make a clear connection to how my intro sentence or hook about social media was connected to*

*my personal experience. Last thing that I noticed was my literacy narrative was I needed to*

*make sure my sentences were written in past tense instead of present since this situation has*

*happened a long time ago.*

  Literacy Narrative

            In our generation, social media has become the new way of expressing your feelings, but as far as for me the way I choose to communicate how I feel is through my journal. My journal has become my safe haven. I had gone through one of the most traumatic experiences in my life. I thought I had real friends at one point in middle school, who were going to be supportive and not turn their backs against me. Yet, my assumptions of those friend’s loyalty towards me was wrong.

                 In middle school I had three friends. We started off great and had no worries. Although throughout the friendship, one of the girls who acted like the group leader of our friendship became jealous of me. I never understood her jealousy towards me. I had always supported her and shared everything I had with her. Out of the blue, she started throwing subliminal at me and the other two friends within our group laughed along with her. She also began to make rumors about me, for example she told everyone how I stole candy from the teacher’s desk, and she made me look like I was using her to become popular in our grade. Instead of being my friends like I thought they were they became my bullies.

                At first, I ignored their mean comments; I also kept my distance from them. Yet, they never stopped bothering me and made me feel like an outcast. They continued to judge me based on the clothes I wore since they were not name brand. They had also brought my self-esteem down because I was constantly called ugly and hideous. I was tired of how they made me feel and I decided to confront them. The confrontation did not end well. One of the girls slapped me and we started throwing hands at each other. All three girls ganged up on me and we fought. This fight was a traumatic experience because my hair extensions were pulled out. Not only was my hair pulled out, but I had no one to talk to after the altercation. I was lonely and as I walked through the hallways, I felt judged and uncomfortable. I felt like everyone was staring at me. It seemed like they were looking at me to see if I was broken. The truth was, is that I felt defeated by my bullies. I had felt like I no longer belonged at that school. I wanted to change my school and start over. However, I thank my English teacher, Ms. Stringer, for checking up on me and seeing if I was okay. My English teacher saw that I was not the same as I was before the fight. She realized I had no friends and I became very distant from the world. I also used to participate in class a lot, but I stopped completely, and I became silent. Ms. Stringer spoke with me one day after class. She told me that usually bullies are upset with themselves and when they see others who are confident and secure, they want to bring them down. She explained to me how I shouldn’t let the fight define me as weak but show me that I can break through obstacles.  She also recommended I write every day in my journal. Ms. Stringer explained to me that writing would help me define myself and let out my emotions in a safe space

              The journal may have been the best thing that had ever happened to me. I was able to write about how angry, happy and miserable I was, without feeling judged by anyone. I had also improved my social skills and began expressing myself more in class without fear of being judged. I never cared about those girls anymore and they were surprised that I was also able to make new friends who respected me. The journal was a breakthrough for me and I feel like if anyone is going through problems or a traumatic situation, they should speak to someone first and begin writing their emotions and feelings down because they would be able to overcome that obstacle of unhappiness or depression and overtime become strong and confident in themselves.

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*As I was revising my annotated bibliography, I had noticed that I lacked a lot of textual evidence to explain the authors review. So, I decided to include evidence in my text from the review to back up my claims. Another mistake that I had realized was my annotated bibliography was not put in alphabetical order. Also reading through the sentences, I had seen that some of the sentences were rushed and not well put together so I decided to reorganize my sentences in a way that the reader would understand.*

 Annotated Bibliography

Source #1: III, Douglas Hanks. “The Lone Critic.” *The Washington Post*, WP Company, 20 June 2001,

Annotation

         This restaurant review is based on a Thai food restaurant named Annandale’s and A&J. this restaurant review is available to all people who are looking for a great restaurant to try. The tone of this review is very fun and casual. The author uses ethos to appeal to the audience because the author uses credibility and trust .Thus, in the text it states ``I  have been to this restaurant five times in a role and never had a bad experience here.” the author is very persuasive to others about this restaurant since he states that he has been there multiple times with unfortunate experiences. The author also goes in depth about the food on the menu and which one is best to try. The author also explains the wonderful customer service that they have at this restaurant. I believe that this review is very convincing to others willing to try delicious Thai food.

Source#2: Kopelman, Ben. “Di Fara Pizza - New York.” *The Infatuation*, The Infatuation, 14 Apr. 2014, https://www.theinfatuation.com/new-york/reviews/di-fara-pizza.

Annotation:

         This restaurant review is about “Difara’s Pizza” being the best pizza in New York City. “Difara's Pizza” is a restaurant that serves well-cooked pizza and it is made by one man named DeMarco Domenico, it is also located in Brooklyn, New York. The restaurant review is on  the Infatuation website that gives access to an audience that is looking for a new place to try pizza that is well-prepared and not cheap. The tone of this review is very funny yet blunt it is also straightforward. The review can be very rude as well because the reviewer uses curse words to describe this restaurant. In the article it states “you can always just order yourself a whole pie ($28) and save a little bit of cost per slice. Or you could just pay the $5 and shut up about it.” This text clearly shows how disrespectful the reviewer can be when describing this pizza restaurant prices specifically when he states, “shut up about it”. Yes, it may seem like he is being passive about it but to other people viewing this review they would most likely feel like it's not a restaurant worth visiting. Because of the use of curse words that are being used, it fails to convince the audience that this pizza store is worth going to.

Source# 3: M., Marissa, et al. “Marissa M.'s Review of Caribbean Soul Rooftop Restaurant & Lounge.” *Yelp*, 23 June 2018,

Annotation

         The main point of this restaurant review is to tell others who are interested in trying Caribbean cuisine while having a good time and listening to live music in a restaurant in Queens. This venue is on the Yelp website where it is available to all people interested in trying new cultural foods. The reviewer’s tone of this passage is very funny and casual. The review uses a logical appeal by showing data analysis to describe this restaurant.  Also, the reviewer is well detailed about the customer service, food and the environment. For example, the reviewer states that “Solid 5 stars for the service we received and the quality of our dining experience. This restaurant was clean, modern and stylish.” This text clearly shows that the reviewer loves how the restaurant is well put together.  I found this review very convincing towards others because of the detailed description and the well put together analysis.

Source#4: “Restaurant Reviews.” *Restaurant Reviews | Duke University School of Law*,

Annotation

        This restaurant review is about a campus restaurant that serves great quality food. The venue for this restaurant is on a website called Duke law and the audience is towards Duke law students. The tone is very casual. There are not many details in this review. For instance, in the text it states very vaguely, “The menu is standard, but they will make you special dishes on request.” As you can see, the review does not even describe the food or cuisine served on the menu. This will not be convincing to the audience because this review lacks substantial information such as an address, customer service, food and environment.

Source#5: Stang, Chris. “Tanoreen - New York.” *The Infatuation*, The Infatuation, 29 Sept. 2010, https://www.theinfatuation.com/new-york/reviews/tanoreen.

Annotation

          This restaurant review is based on a restaurant named “Tanoreen” which serves Mediterranean cuisine. The infatuation is a venue, which can be found online, and this particular review is towards an audience that may be seeking to try delicious Mediterranean food for an affordable price. The tone of this restaurant review is very formal and direct. For example, when he states, “We heard great things about this cauliflower salad with pomegranate molasses but found it too sweet and didn’t finish it. Some people love it, but it’s not our thing”, he addresses the reason as to why he does not like a certain meal on the menu without sugarcoating it. This shows that he is very direct about the description of the food. The reviewer lacks details in the review for the restaurant because this review fails to describe the types of food on the restaurant's menu and the review lacks describing the customer service. I feel that it is very vague. The reviewer only tells us that this restaurant has good authentic Mediterranean food, but it does not give a good description evidence for the audience to be convinced to try this restaurant.

Source #6: *Zagat*, https://www.zagat.com/r/marea-new-york.

 Annotation:

           The main point of this restaurant review is to give readers insight about a restaurant named “Mares” that serves wonderful Italian seafood cuisine. This restaurant review can be found on the “Zagot” website which is available to people who want to try food from different cultures. The tone of this review is energetic and casual. In the article the reviewer mentions “Excellence abounds” at Michael White’s Italian “star” on Central Park South, where the “adventurous” seafood and “heavenly” house made pastas “never fail to wow”. This comes to show that the reviewer finds this restaurant very high quality and approved of delicious food. The review is also short simple and straight to the point. The reviewer puts enough detail that would make the audience want to try this restaurant because it gives a good description of the different types of food on the menu and it tells about the customer service that is provided. The author appeal shows the use of logic because it provides good reasoning and answers to the questions that we as readers may have for this restaurant.

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 *After looking through my research and analysis essay I have realized that in my first letter to my audience my paragraphs were combined into one whole paragraph and it could have been broken up into single topic paragraphs. I decided to break that apart and simplify the paragraphs in a way my audience would understand.*

 Research/Audience Assignment

Dear Parents of KIPP AMP Academy middle school,

          In today's society, video games have become rampant in our children's day-to-day activities. Although these video games may seem very entertaining for your children many of these video games have a negative influence that can impact your children in aggressive and violent ways.

            Video games such as “Fortnite, Grand Theft Auto, Call of duty, etc.” consists of features that allows you to scavenge for armor and weapons and the primary motives are to kill, rob banks and hijack cars. In an article on Psychology Today website, “The American Psychiatric Association” states, “in 2015 a study concluding that playing video games may lead to more aggressive moods and behaviors and attracts the players feelings empathy and sensitivity to aggression”. This clearly shows that because of the savagery shown in these video games children will have a hard time empathizing with others and are most likely to be hostile towards their peers. Also on the USA today website an article named “Study Confirms Link Between Violent Video Games and Physical Aggression”, states that “It was learned Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, the two teenagers who committed the Columbine High School shooting played the first shooting computer game Doom”. This text is significant because it shows how two teenagers decided to practice this video game in real life. This violence act had harmed many people in the process also the two teenagers had a lack of empathy.

         Video games have the same motive that social media uses to attracts us young adults by making us feel the need to emulate what we see continuously.  It states in the Children's Health website that “Research has shown that when children and adolescents see individuals, they connect with in media... they are more likely to adopt to those influencers opinions...research believes the same way happened in video games”. This text is very important because it shows how as teenagers when we identify and like certain people, we see on social media we tend to copy those influences, and this can have the same effect on violent video games. If the primary goal of video games is to kill people in a virtual world and use Ak 47 guns, this will continue to have an effect on children’s behavior and social skills.  This is why as parents we need to look at the type of video games our children play so that they would not end up becoming unsympathetic and antagonistic.

          Therefore, as parents we need to be cautious of the video games we buy for our children. Parents need to consider buying children healthier video games that can exercise their mind and help with children's learning abilities. In the end, violent video games should not be bought in a household because children are easily influenced and persuaded to follow the lifestyle of these violent video games.

                                                                                               Sincerely, Arnelle Martinson

Dear CEO of GameStop, George Sherman,

             In this day in age, video games have become the social norm and trend for children and teenagers. These video games that teenagers are exposed to young adults can show very violent and graphic images. Because some of these video games are violent and sexually explicit, it can negatively impact teenagers to cultivate immoral behaviors. I propose to you CEO of GameStop George Sherman, that violent video games are no longer sold at GameStop.

        Teenagers that are continually susceptible to violent acts in video games can send the wrong message to their minds. In an article called “Do Violent Video Games Trigger Aggression?” shows that a study created by a psychologist named Hull states, “Hull theorizes violent games help kids become more comfortable with taking risks and engaging in abnormal behavior. Their sense of right and wrong is being warped”. This text comes to show that when children repeatedly play violent video games, they are more likely to think it’s okay to carry out vicious behavior in schools such as being hot-tempered and becoming a bully to their peers without caring about the consequences. Children are supposed to be raised with morals that will allow them to be nice and friendly amongst their peers. Violent video games will lead a child to becoming anti-social and restrain them from taking part in social activities in school, if it takes over the child or teenager’s life. This is why it is very important to remove violent video games such as “Grand Theft Auto, Assassin’s Creed, Black Opps” out of the gaming market.

      On the other hand, there are many gamers like you, Mr. Chairman, who would disagree with taking all the violent video games out of the market. For example, a gamer named Tom Fober in an article titled “Do Video Games Encourage Violent Acts? “states that “While this desire might be considered unsavory, it can also be understood as an outlet for our aggression and darker desires, in a safe fantasy world where nobody dies forever.” This sentence suggests that video games is a place where people are able to satisfy their heart desires for violence and aggression in a secure place which is the “video game” without hurting anyone. However, I disagree with this statement because there have been multiple school shootings due to the use of violent video games. In an article on CBSnews.com titled “Do Violent Video Games Lead To Criminal Behavior” points out that “ The games [came under fire in 2012 after Adam Lanza gunned down 20 children and six teachers in Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut](https://www.cbsnews.com/news/violent-video-games-and-mass-violence-a-complex-link/). It later turned out that he was obsessed with violent video games.”  This clearly shows that, although Adam Lanza played video games in his home safely without hurting anyone for a while, he later felt the need to take this practice of violent video games out into the real world and take innocent lives away.  The violent video games he played repeatedly had impacted his behavior in becoming savage and hostile towards others in real life. This example shows why we need put all violent video games out of the market.

            In the end, violence in any shape or form, whether it is in a virtual world or real world should not be accepted. Violent video games can destroy the mind of a human being and can lead it into unhealthy acts of immorality. Ending Violent Video games would put this world in a safe place.

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 *I remember writing this reflection and after looking back at this I have realized that I*

*have taken my own criticism from my annotated bibliography and have improved my writing*

*skills in my research and audience assignment. For example, I was able to cite my textual*

*evidence and give a well written explanation to back my claim. Another thing I have noticed I*

*fixed was not being completely vague. All the errors and self-criticism has helped me to do better*

*as a writer in my recent assignments.*

 Annotated Bibliography Reflection

       My annotated bibliography genre was based on restaurant reviews. In the restaurant review annotations, I saw many similarities that all the sources share which is very significant in writing a restaurant review.  All of my sources share the same point of giving the audience a description of the food that is being sold at the restaurant. For example, in one of my sources it directly states the type cuisine being served which is Caribbean food and it tells the audience the specific foods to order when they visit. The second thing that all my sources share is a casual and informative tone in order to describe the restaurant. The reviewers of the restaurant also share one common dislike about the restaurant which is the high pricing of the food served. This sticks out to me because it shows that many restaurant reviewers like to have a restaurant that is affordable and not too expensive. Lastly, the restaurant reviews all share first person point of view because it describes the food and customer service based on how they feel about the restaurant’s environment. This shows that all restaurant reviews are very opinionated and biased. After looking through my annotated bibliography I learned that within my genre you need to have a claim, or a well-developed opinion and you need strong substantial evidence to back up that claim.  This evidence and claim will help persuade the audience to visit the restaurant or not. I don't really have a question that remains with me.

Self-Reflection

        After writing my annotated bibliography genre for restaurant reviews, I realized that I have a lot to work on my writing skills. One of the hardest parts of completing this assignment was using a lot of details in order to describe what I am trying to say. I realize that when I wrote my annotated bibliography, I was very vague. I feel like I could have gone more into detail and explain my reasoning better. I need to work on using more evidence to describe my work. That was a major challenge doing this annotated bibliography because it is hard when you have to express what the reviewer is trying to prove. This makes you have to look at it from a different angle without copying everything the writer mentions in order to describe the reviewer’s claim. I also feel another challenge I had was using more vocabulary to express myself instead of using basic words such as “good, bad, sad, etc.”. In order for me to become a better writer I have to expand my vocabulary. I feel that I need to read a little more and copy down different words that I don't understand on a daily basis and this will help me improve. My strengths for my annotated bibliography was pinpointing the authors claim and being able to detect whether this restaurant review was well detailed, and the evidence was substantial in order for it to persuade the audience.

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 *In my rhetorical analysis for my annotated bibliography I was very confused on how I should analyze a restaurant review instead I had written my own version of reviewing a restaurant. That was the mistake I had made in the beginning. However later on when we began to write the real version of an annotated bibliography, I was able to fix my mistakes and analyzed another reviewer’s restaurant review.*

 Rhetorical Analysis

One way that we are all connected to our culture is through food. Food continues to bring all of us together and puts smiles on our faces. Having big dinners and sitting around with our family is a tradition that keeps people from all around the world together. There are many different cuisines that restaurants cook. My favorite cuisine is Thai cuisine. I feel that Thai food is one of the best cuisines I’ve tried. I have been to many different Thai restaurants with my family, however one of the restaurants have stuck out to me the most. This restaurant is called “Jaiya Thai”. This restaurant serves absolutely the tastiest and eloquent food I've ever had from a Thai food restaurant.

                  When my family and I decided to go to Jaiya Thai was skeptical about going. I was looking through the reviews on google and they seem good. I hate going to restaurants that their food or service is bad. When I arrived at Jaiya their customer service was on point. The waitress made sure to sit us at a great table and took our coats. When we ordered our food from our tables, we did not have to wait too long. When our food arrived, it was nice and hot. The appetizers were delicious especially the calamari and spring rolls. The food was well seasoned and fresh. The main entree course that I got was the red fish curry. This entree had a lot of spices and the fish was well done.

                 In the end, “Jaiya Thai” is one of the best restaurants I’ve been to and I recommend it. This restaurant is clean, and the food is well prepared. The prices are very decent also. If you love Thai food, then you should make a stop here.

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Dear Professor Jewell,

  I took English 1101 class in my first semester of college because it was a prerequisite for nursing major, not only that I have always enjoyed writing. I always felt that writing was my strong suit. Yet this semester has taught me that I had a lot to improve my writing skills. I'm very grateful that you, Professor Jewell, had helped my other classmates and I to fix my mistakes and write well within sentences.

     Our First assignment that I wrote was my “Literacy Narrative”. The “Literacy Narrative” assignment was based on a personal experience that has affected me. This personal experience was about how I overcame an obstacle where I was bullied in middle school, using writing my thoughts down in my journal. As I read over that essay, I had seen that many of my sentences had a lot of run-ons. For example in one of the sentences I had stated “She also started making rumors about me, for example she told everyone how I stole candy from the teacher's desk and also she made me look like I was using her to have popularity in our grade”. I realized that I could have broken this into three sentences and fix the grammatical errors. So instead I changed it to this sentence. I stated, “She also began to make rumors about me. For instance, she told everyone how I stole candy from the teacher's desk. Another rumor that she had made, was that I was using her to become popular.” This sentence was rewritten into three simple sentences that had a correct subject and predicate.

     The next assignment that we were assigned was the “Annotated Bibliography”. To be honest, the “Annotated Bibliography” was the assignment that I have struggled with the most. I was very unsure and puzzled on how to complete this assignment. I have never written a bibliography before. I had made multiple mistakes on this assignment. The first mistake that I made was that my work cited bibliography was not in alphabetical order. I had fixed that mistake in my revision. Another mistake that I had made was, missing textual evidence to back up the reviewers claim about the restaurant. For example, I had stated that “The review can be rude as well because the reviewer uses curse words to describe this restaurant.” I had made this claim based on how I felt about the restaurant review, I never used evidence to show why I felt like it was rude. So in the revision, I said “The article states, you can always just order yourself a whole pie (28$) and save a little bit per cost slice. Or you could just pay the $5 and shut up about it.” Because, I stated evidence it justifies my rhetorical analysis of the reviewer. I also continued on to explain the evidence that I had stated. The last mistake I had made was grammatical errors in my sentences which I fixed.

     The last major assignment of the semester was the “Research and Audience” assignment. I feel that I made the most improvement in this assignment. Looking back at this assignment, I saw that my vocabulary has improved, I also made my sentences more direct and clearer about where my claim stands. I used a lot of evidence to support my point and I had made a clear explanation after stating evidence. For instance, I stated “The American psychiatric association states that in 2015 a study concluding that playing video games may lead to aggressive moods.” After, I state this I made sure to explain what this statement meant. The only mistake I could say I made was that I made one large paragraph for my first audience. So, I decided to separate it into one paragraph for each topic. Also, I made sure to write my bibliography in alphabetical order which was improved from my last assignment.

      One of the minor assignments that I wrote was the annotated bibliography reflection. This assignment helped me to do better in my last assignment which was the “Research and Audience” paper. This reflection was where I wrote my own criticism about the mistakes that I made in the Annotated Bibliography. For example, I stated that “one of the hardest parts of completing this assignment was using a lot of details in order to describe what I am saying. I realized that when I wrote my annotated bibliography it was very vague.” This sentence that I wrote in my reflection has helped me to use textual evidence and explain myself in my next assignment. So, I'm happy that I wrote this self-reflection for my previous assignment Because if I had not written it, I would not have known the mistakes that I have made and had to correct. The next minor assignment that I had written was my “Rhetorical Analysis”. In the rhetorical analysis, I was very confused about what to write. I did not know that I had to analyze a restaurant review because of that I made a mistake where I wrote my version of reviewing a restaurant called “Jaiya Thai”. After looking back at the instructions, I realize that I had to analyze another person's restaurant review for my Annotated Bibliography.

     In the end, this semester has really prepared me to become a better writer in the future. I feel like I am able to analyze other people’s work and show well explained descriptions. Another thing that I found so helpful this semester was peer review. Peer review is very important in the process of writing, another person’s opinion can be so helpful in writing a great piece. One thing that I'm so happy and thankful about, Professor Jewell is that I'm no longer scared to write an essay anymore!

                                                                                                  Thank you,

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