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LITERACY NARRATIVE

*In this revision, I didn’t add a lot of information I just explained my ideas with a little bit more details, I erased some things that for me wasn’t necessary for the understanding of the reader and was too repeated in this essay. I also moved some thing around to help understand my point of view and mostly I worked more in the punctuation side to make it easier to read and understand.*

“Motivation” that’s the word that has been the most in my vocabulary these past two years. It did not just happen like that, there is a whole background story. It all started 2 years ago when I was faced with a huge challenge, taking an exam in a totally foreign language for me (English writing). When taking that exam, I knew that I did not put my maximum aptitude in studying to pass it for me there was no way I could pass that exam with the small knowledge of English that I had. After getting back my results, a totally different feeling got to me. I was angry at myself for not trying hard. Not one ounce of pride was present in myself because I knew I could do better at that exam. That’s when the story about motivation began. That exam helped me know where my weakest areas were. Is it more about vocabulary or grammar in my case it was both. I started taking actions to work on that. I started doing extra hours in school, watching “youtube classes” and doing some reading as well. I knew all that would pay off one day, so I set my mind to work. I was motivated to study hard and pass any other exam that I would have to take, which I knew in order to pass, I had to understand English and know how to put my thoughts into words. Throughout the year I was seeing some results from my hard work and motivation. Now I was less shy when speaking up in class unlike in the beginning when I was ashamed of my accent or how I sound. At the beginning I felt like people did not understand what I was saying, and it was frustrating sometimes but all that changed. That experience made me believe in one thing which is,” With motivation, everything is possible” because in less than a month I was not the girl who was ashamed of her accent, but the girl who talks in front of 10, 20 or 30 girls to empower them in clubs. I wasn’t the girl who’s not confident when taking exam, I was the girl people would come to study with ask question whether it’s in English or another subject.  I was the girl who passed all her exams with honors the girl who joined clubs and interacted with important people in our society. A lot of things changed in less than one year but most of all I felt grown. All of this happened because of the motivation I had and still continue to carry with me. If that experience has taught me something is that education is what you make of it. What I mean by that is, even if you go to the best school in the world or have the best instructors in the world, if you are not willing to or do not have the motivation to study, learn or educate yourself it will not work and as an example for that we can take my experience with the English exam. I am not saying my teacher was the best in the world, but he was good. The problem was with me not having the motivation to study because to me failing was a certainty. since that i strongly believe that, motivation is one of the keys to achieve any goal in life.

ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

*In every speech for my annotated bibliography I added an explanation of why the author choose that special appeal to reach the audience which was asked in the prompt. I did some punctuation and grammar corrections as well.*

**Ain’ t I a woman by sojourner truth**

“Ain’ t I a woman “was a speech delivered in 1851 at the women’s right convention Akron Ohio by sojourner truth who was born into slavery. “Ain ’t I a Women” became one of the most popular speeches in women empowerment and the author as well. In her speech we can see how she explains to the audience several times that there is no inequality between women and men for example when she says “I could work as much and eat as much as a man – when I could get it – and bear the lash as well! And ain’t I a woman?”. We can also see how she tells her audience that women are as important valuable as men, so they deserve the same rights. For example, when she says” Then that little man in black there, he says women can’t have as much rights as men, because Christ wasn’t a woman! Where did your Christ come from? Where did your Christ come from? From God and a woman! Man had nothing to do with Him”. In her speech she uses ethos as when she said” I have borne thirteen children, and seen most all sold off to slavery, and when I cried out with my mother’s grief, none but Jesus heard me! And ain’t I a woman?” also ethos because for her its logic for women to have the same rights as men. She uses a lot of appeals in her speech to really touch the emotions of her audience which at that time was mostly white women and some men. Being a black woman in 1851 and speaking to white men like that wasn’t easy and a little dangerous, that’s why she uses appeals and details of the struggles that she has been through as a woman to have the white women in her audience understand her and be on her side. in her speech she repeats the sentence “ain’t I a woman “to prove that inequality between women and men is something that shouldn’t exist because she’s a woman and she is able to do everything men can do.

<<Sojourner truth, women’s right convention ,1851, Akron Ohio, national park service publisher,  <https://www.nps.gov/articles/sojourner-truth.htm>>>

**TOGETHER WE WILL UNLEASH GIRLS POWER IN ALL ITS DIMENSION by Lakshmi Puri**

Was a speech delivered on the day of the girl child October 12, 2017 by Lakshmi Puri, UN women executive director during the UN commemoration of the international day of the girl child.  In this speech Lakshmi Puri explains through facts and statistics how many girls around the world are in difficulties need help empowerment and how the UN women is planning to help them. Her audience on that day was women but she is generally trying to reach everyone interested in helping through that progress for young girls .With a firm serious and interested tone she uses a lot of logos the show how many girls around the world need help example “every 10 minutes, somewhere in the world an adolescent girl dies because of violence >”she uses pathos as well to have the maximum support on this journey of helping young girls <”Together we will unleash girls’ power in all its dimensions”. This speech main goal is getting people to support her cause her fight and for that she uses all theses appeals to help her. The fact that she repeats the word together several times at the end of her speech shows that she wants her audience and everyone to join her in her fight for young girl rights and safety around the world.

<<Laksmi Puri, Unicef child day of the girl child, October 12, 2017, publisher UN WOMEN, https://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2017/10/speech-ded-puri-day-of-the-girl>>

**Women’s rights are human rights by Hillary Clinton**

“Women’s rights are human rights “was a speech given in 1995 by the former first lady of the us Hillary Clinton at the 4th world conference on women in Beijing. in her speech she delivers the stereotypes the injustices that happen to women everyday around the world but also the way some women in foreign countries are coming together to Help change those injustices her tone throughout this speech was precise direct and clear her primary audience was women and men. She uses ethos when she said ”if  women are free from violence their families will flourish“  also a lot of pathos example :”I’ve met women in India and Bangladesh who are  taking out small loans to buy milk cows or rickshaws or thread in order to create a livelihood for themselves and their families” through those words she shows that women are very important in the community their rights safety health … is something that should be taken serious because women can change the way the society lives.

Hillary Clinton, 4th world conference for women ,1995, Beijing, publisher Americanrhetoric.com, <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6V9mHmeK7XM>>

**Madonna billboard women music**

This speech is given by Madonna at billboard women music 2016 in New York city.  in her speech she explains the difficulties the barriers that women go through in the music industry. her audience is women in general her main argument is women rights. Women can be what they want whether in the music industry or anywhere else. her clear tone was undercut with choking heaviness that even forced her to pause sometimes even though her voice sounds sad her statements were very clear and direct to understand. Madonna ‘ speech is a pure definition of pathos mostly because she uses her own experience as examples ,opens up about the difficulties she went through and how they made her who she is .Example when she said at the end of her speech ”you have no idea how much your support mean to me , “to everyone who gave me hell and said I could not that I would not that I must not your resistance made me push harder made stronger made me the woman I am today”. After that statement you could read in the audience eyes the compassion they had for her.

<<Madonna, billboard women music, 2016, New York city, publisher WOMEN’S, <https://women-s.net/womens-empowerment-speech/>>>

**“I’ m a feminist” by Emma Watson**

“I’m a feminist “was a speech given by the actress Emma Watson at the united nation at New York in 2014. Her main argument in that speech is the fact that nowadays people think being a feminist fighting for women mean you are against men which is not true. And to prove that EMMA Watson gave the formal definition of feminism which I quote “feminism by definition is the belief that men and women should have equal rights”. beside that she also speaks about the injustices she had at the beginning of her career because she was a girl. For example, when she said “I think it is right socially I am afforded the same right as men”. Emma Watson uses a lot of ethos as when she said “when at 14 I started to be sexualized by certain elements of the media” all that shows to her audience which was mostly adult women the unfair emotions she went through growing up and the emotions many young girls are going through because of inequality of sex and society judgment. Using an ethos appeal was a very good choice because she is sharing a personal and private experience of her life that many girls are going through and can’t talk about.

Emma Watson, united nation, 2014, New York, publisher CNN

<<https://women-s.net/womens-empowerment-speech/>>

“A message to all women” by Jon Jorgenson

“a message to all women was a speech given by Jon Jorgenson in July 2013. in his speech he uses very specific poet words to put women in confidence. His main argument is that all women are worthy and unique in their way as when he says “you are beautiful you are kind you are smart you are funny you are unique”. He uses theses specific words for a raison and that raison is to empower women around the world to show them they are worthy. with a very confident and trustable tone Jorgenson uses ethos throughout the whole speech because his main point is uplifting women and for that he has to reach their emotions for them to believe in his words but mostly to believe in themselves.

Jon Jorgenson, 2013, Publisher JonJorgenson

RESEARCH AUDIENCE

*For my research audience, I didn’t change a lot of ideas because it’s an argumentative speech and theses ideas represent my point of view but I changed the way I cited my references, did some punctuation corrections and I separated my two messages to have a better understanding.*

**The president of guinea should not have the power to change the constitution.**

Guinea is a democratic country where the population vote to elect the president of their choice. Every president has two presidential terms that’s the rule written in the Guinean constitution. It’s been now 2 months since the actual president Alpha Conde, made a declaration of him wanting to change the constitution in order to have a third presidential term. Since that, the population has started doing riots against that declaration. in this speech, I will be addressing 2 important messages to the Guinean population and the Guinean police because they are the two communities going out in the streets during riots and killing each other. I choose a genre of speech which I will be given during a riot because that’s the only time the two communities I want to speak to meets.

Today November 19 ,2019 I am standing in front of all of you parents; children; women; police; population of Guinea in this memorial place for all of us “the stadium of September 28” To tell you ENOUGH!!! Enough of hating each other Enough of killing each other just ENOUGH. To the Guinean police, I will first remind them that they are the one who are supposed to secure the country and the population as they swore in their oath. I understand that they have to respect orders from their superiors, but they can do that by going in the street and making sure the population have nonviolent riots or even support them in their fight against president Alpha Conde. Instead they go in the streets with fire arms and kill the people they are supposed to protect and when the population see these fire arms, they feel attacked and try to fight back that’s how innocent people die every time we have a riot.  According to France 24 the international news channel on October 15 ,2019.  “4 teenagers and 1 police officer died during the riot”. This has been going on for too long and this Not helping the evolution of our beloved country. According to Buisinessinsider “out of the 20 most dangerous countries guinea rank 17” and if this does not change, if president Alpha Conde get to change the constitution we will keep sinking or eventually have a civil war between the population and the police. The president who’s giving orders and making laws to allow the police officers to go out in the streets with guns should be the one to be blamed for all these deaths and for the hate that exist now between police officers and the Guinean population. The president has given police officers too much power that now they go into innocent people houses and rob them. All these deaths are proofs to the police officers that this president should not have the chance to change the constitution neither have another presidential term, because he is pushing them to do things that are against the oath they took. Police officers exist to protect the country and there is no country without a population. The police should protect the population not kill them.

To my GUINEANS my brothers, my sisters, I am more than proud for all the efforts the strength that you have been showing since the start of this nightmare for our nation. women and Men are out to fight for their rights, the right to choose what is good for their country. if democracy is the power of the people by the people and for the people. then us the people say NO!! NO to the change of the constitution. It’s in front of the whole nation and the presidents of 13 African countries, that president Alpha conde swore on the constitution of Guinea the day of his second presidential investiture in December 2015, he swore to respect the constitution and make the constitution respected by everyone. But yet, he is the one who wants the change the constitution for his own benefice. People of Guinea we have been fighting against president Alpha Conde for 3 years now and we have lost more 100 people. According to Amnesty international for west Africa”at least 18 people have died since the beginning of 2018” and the president still do not want to listen to us. We have been supported by our GUINEAN brothers and sisters all around the world. According to Tshello tv, ”hundred of people went out to protest in front of the embassy of guinea in Belgium” and hundred others went out in Canada Montreal  to protest last month ,same in Paris and new York. The only difference is that they don’t get killed like us here when they do their nonviolent protest. Instead they are secured by the police even though they are foreigners. Since the president does not want to listen to us, I will not ask you to stop, I will ask you to continue fighting but fight smarter. By that I mean, during riots if the police start attacking with fire arms leave do not fight back we have lost so many people already. But if we decide to do another riot be present. We have to show to president Alpha conde that we are against the change of our constitution and we will not stop fighting for our country until he listens to us and leave at the end our his 2nd presidential term.

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” Only daughter “by Sandra Cisneros

at the beginning of the semester, we read “only daughter” by Sandra Cisneros and we had to do write a reading response even though it was short, I realized that I am really good at understanding and analyzing words. before I used to just see the main objective of an author the main idea the author wants his readers to understand but now, I go way deeper than that. For example, in “only daughter”, even though she didn’t say that she wants her dad to see her equally as her brother’s, I understood that that’s what she meant. I actually analyze words appeals ask myself questions like why did the author use this appeal? what is he trying to say? that’s a really good and important skill to have as a writer it really helps to see your essay or whatever you are writing in a different way.

FREE WRITING

When doing the free writing exercise in class, I didn’t have any difficulty it’s like ideas were just loading in my head and I was writing them. I knew that I didn’t have difficulties with brainstorming and that exercise really proofed me right. The last one we did with the whole class where we had to create a story with whatever the last group left was very fun and helped all of us practice brainstorming. it’s a very helpful exercises that I even used in another class when I had to write a speech and didn’t know where to start.

Reflection

Dear professor Jewell,

this course helped me a lot in my journey of getting better in the English language. Journey that I started 2 years ago. Every exercise that we did in class, every home work, every reading, thought me something new. I used to love reading but as I was growing up that changed. Having to read all these essays from the package reminded me how much I used to enjoy reading and how much it’s helpful in strengthening other skill that I need to have as a writer. the reading I enjoyed the most was “mother tongue “by Amy, I could really relate to everything she was saying. liking that story really pushed me to read more of the book and helped me to participate in class discussion because I really analyzed and studied every test before class. Beside reading, the free writing exercise really helped me strengthen my brainstorming skill. For example, when we were doing the audience analysis assignment I didn’t know what topic to choose because I have already written about the topic I am interested in (women empowerment) when I was doing the annotated bibliography. So, I used the free writing exercise to help me. I wrote all the communities I am related to, all the issues that are going on and affect me. And I eventually found ta topic for my audience analysis essay by doing that. As you might have noticed by reading my assignments throughout the semester, I have a big issue with punctuation and grammar errors which are sometimes do to the lock of time or just not knowing that i am supposed to put a coma here or my sentence will have a totally different outcome to anyone reading it. I mostly noticed that in my literacy narrative. when I was doing peer review in class my peer asked me maybe 5 times what does this sentence mean? I don’t get this part? and by the end she told me I need to review my punctuations because it makes my literacy narrative really hard to understand, That’s why in my correction I put 95% of my work in punctuation so that any reader can understand my ideas. I have also grown a lot in the vocabulary side If we compare the first assignment that I posted (reading response “only daughter”) and the last one (research audience) there is a huge difference. I used to repeat the same words over and over again but now I actually pay attention to that and try not to make my assignment full but interesting to read. This course thought me some new things that I didn’t known like how to cite, how to do MLA citation in different type of essays, different types of genre and how to do a rhetorical analysis. I learned all that by doing the major assignments. For example, in the rhetorical analysis assignment where I had to choose a genre which by definition is a “category of artistic literature characterized by similarities in form style or subject major “. Study and analyze famous speeches for example “ain’t I a woman by sojourner truth I had to understand why she picked every appeal she used and if there is a pattern of appeals in other famous speeches by different author. All that in order to be expert in that genre be able to teach it to someone if I was asked to one day. I strongly believe that everything I learned in this course was very important and will help me a lot in my journey of being an excellent writer thinker and reader .

Thank you for your help and advices professor Jewell

Best regards