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Final Reflection and Portfolio

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For my first semester i have noticed my writing isn't as good as it was in highschool.I did take a one year break and i was doing nothing school related and i feel it did take a bit of a toll on my writing.I feel as of this semester my writing was ok,i do feel like i could've done better.Besides the fact i did learn a lot throughout this semester and did new things.In my writing before i've never written in different genres or did any bibliography work or was able to use video evidence and things like that.I did appreciate using different things in my writing i feel it will help me in the future to expand where i get my evidence from and different ways to write.Even though i do feel as if my writing could've been better i did notice a lot of little things i improved on.I feel i have improved on not writing run on sentences and re reading my work.I dont always re read my work numerous times but this semester i did catch myself reading my essays at least twice to make sure there weren't any mistakes or misspelling.In class we learned a lot we read a lot of articles and said what we felt they were saying and what was the message behind it.I actually really like unit 3 because it was nice to hear peoples opinions on what they think the world needs to be improved on and seeing everyones posters,graphs,writing,videos etc.It's nice to see people getting creative and being able to do a project how they want to write it.In my education narrative from unit 1 something the illustrates me is "I wanted to get my life together and start focusing on my career...I knew i was ready to start school and that this break was good for me.I knew i wanted to be in the medical field and specifically work with babies and pregnant women,i really love kids and it's just something that interests me."I chose this because after highschool and during i was at a very tough place in life.I felt so unmotivated for school,i didn't believe in myself,and i didnt want to go to school anymore.Covid took a really big toll on me i felt like it made me very lazy and unmotivated and i didn't really like it.Usually i never doubted myself this much but i just felt like life changed so much in two years i didn't think we were ever going to get back to normal so i stopped thinking of my career.I am glad tho i took a break and did what was best for me.I felt like this break gave me the space i needed and gave me time on what to think of what to do and study in school.I feel it also gave me a peek of the real world.While on my break i worked every single day and also had some fun because i did feel like covid did take away fun moments in my teen years.As for Unit 2 "How has gun violence affected people young people?" Everyday on the news or different social media platforms i feel as like i see a new death to gun violence and it hurts me.Even though i don't personally know these people who are being hurt its just sad to see kids my age or even younger die due to this.It sucks to see people not take this topic serious or for people to do this at all.I just feel like the people who do this should think what if this were my brother or sister or cousin ? How would i feel? I feel as if young kids die from gun violence for little reasons or hanging around the wrong crowd or just playing around with a gun thinking it's funny and it isnt,things should be taken with more precaution.

Unit 2 Annotated Bibliography: Citation 3: "Black children and teens were 14 times more likely to die from firearm-related homicide compared to White youth (Everytown Research & Policy, 2021). The ANA has advocated for universal background checks, called for increased federal funding of gun violence research, and urged the U.S. Congress to support gun violence-related mental health initiatives led by nurses and other public health professionals." ([Gun Violence: A Chronic Disease Affecting American Youth](#) Moran, Molly ; Muir, Meghan Summer Perez Pediatric nursing, 2021, Vol.47 (4), p.200-201)

Summary: As this student has stated from previous articles there is research that black teens are the most targeted with gun violence and that is most likely their cause of death. It is so bad that people are urging for these kids to get mental help by professionals.

Reflection: I think it is very sad that research shows this is the cause of death of most black teens and children now. I do agree with the fact that people should be getting background checked and that the US needs to stop funding guns so easily, because it is causing a lot of pain to families. I also feel it is not fair that kids are going through this and have no one to talk to or relate to. I do agree that their mental health should be checked by a nurse and/or professionals and we should make sure our kids are safe because we don't know how they feel or what they are going through.

Quote to the text: "urged the U.S. Congress to support gun violence-related mental health initiatives led by nurses and other public health professionals."

What questions do we have about what the text is saying? What don't you understand?
-Has the congress done anything following this? Are they helping kids get help and giving them someone to talk to?

If you could say something to this author, what would you say?

-I really like the article she used. I feel it has good evidence and shows us a lot of points we may have not seen.

What does this document tell you about your research question?

-This document just tells me how much more in danger black teens are. I knew gun violence was bad but I didn't think there was so much research done on how black teens are so targeted.

Rhetorical factors:

How do you feel about the author's writing style?

- I feel like her writing was good. She put a lot of thought and good evidence in it.

What is the author's intended audience and purpose (reason for writing)?

-The intended audience is young black teens and could also be parents and the world in general because we need to keep our kids/family safe. The purpose was to help educate us on how we need to watch on kids more and watch people because the rates is going up and the government isn't doing anything about it.

Is the genre effective? Does the choice of genre make sense for what the author wants to accomplish?

-The genre is very effective the writer sounds very interested on concerned on this topic and wants to find a resolution for it.

How do you know this is a credible author and document?

-I know this is a credible document because it is coming from a student who did a lot of researched on different articles and it even mentions how researchers are studying this problem.

Unit 3: (my sources)

Source 1:Citation 1:

“Community mourns 3 teens killed by gun violence”
WBIR Channel 10, Feb 17,2021

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BhXiUWqd6yI>

Source 2:Citation 2:

“Gun violence leading to the cause of death among U.S. children and teens”

NBC News,July 6,2022

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SlqKlppUX0o>

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