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Final Reflection & Portfolio

Final Reflection :

Throughout this semester, what I have learned as a reader and writer is that reading different types of genres and stepping out of your comfort zone is okay instead of just sticking to similar ones. Reading different novels, essays, and other forms of literature has taught me to analyze, interpret and dissect written material to compare and contrast as well as indicate elements such as themes, characters, plot, purpose, and the audience. Also, I have learned new vocabulary words that improved my reading and thinking skills as I obtained the information. As a writer, I have known that there are different types of structures to write in and how to express my opinion/thoughts more freely instead of just answering text-based questions. I was able to think in an analytical way. It entails gathering and analyzing information before expressing it to the reader in a way that makes sense to them.

As a reader and writer my level of thinking and interpretation has improved. Reading articles and novels have changed my perspective about the different genres that are out there. When I'm reading I make sure I'm annotating and keeping track of new vocabulary that is unknown to me. As a writer, I have developed writing from my personal experience to be able to connect with the audience and to express what career path I want for myself and how it has changed me into the person I am today. In my writing, I shared my interests and opinions and did a lot of free writing that would benefit my writing skills. In this class, I have become a better

writer by continuing to find out what my strengths and weaknesses are and being able to change it as many times as possible. Also, accepting my weakness because I know sometimes it's hard to accept our faults and learning how to be able to adapt and to improve your style of writing. Being able to handle criticism of my work and learning how to provide feedback for others on how to strengthen their writing piece. I have improved on reviewing and correcting my grammar and spelling. Furthermore, being able to proofread my own work and others helped me strengthen my writing techniques.

Based on what I learned from this class and the knowledge that might transfer to other writing tasks, assignments or situations in college or in my community is gathering and knowing how to conduct research and data. In the future, being able to analyze and interpret data for either a research project, posters, brochures, case studies, math projects, and science related projects because it serves as evidence to back up a claim that needs to be proved. Also, writing reflections can be useful in the future because they allow you to express what you think and how and why you think a particular way, and how it can be used for projects for how your research was conducted.

Writing about personal experiences and how it changed you as a person may help your targeted audience about their life experience and be able to make a connection from it. According to my Unit 1 assignment, "The earliest memory I have of being at the dentist is when I was nine years old and saw my older sister bite the dentist as she yelled and screamed while struggling to fight off my mom in the process of trying to hold her down. It was a sight to behold. I never understood why my sister was so afraid of the dentist and why this always happened when we had an appointment." I chose this quote from my Unit 1 assignment because

I'm sharing a personal experience I've had when going to the dentist with my sister. But I know that many people hate going to the dentist for their own particular experience, whether it's from childhood to adulthood. So sharing this in my writing makes it easy to connect with the audience and creates an engaging hook for them to continue reading. From my Unit 2 assignment, "The data has shown that only 20.5% of the participants thought that giving students standardized tests would help them learn more. Then, 19% had a neutral feeling about the impact of standardized testing on student learning." I chose this quote because it indicates data that can be interpreted and be evidence to back up a claim when doing research. In my Unit 3 assignment, "The reason why I decided on standardized testing is that I always hated doing it throughout elementary school, middle school, and high school. It's been a wandering issue if students learn anything from this or if teachers find it unnecessary to their teaching." I chose this quote because I'm sharing my opinion about a specific topic and giving my reasoning of why I felt that way about it.