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Final Reflection & Portfolio

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Final Reflection

I have developed in countless ways as a reader, writer, and as a researcher. As a reader, I'm able to better grasp the viewpoint of the author and input my basic knowledge into figuring out the ideal reason or purpose for the writing. I grew to have a better understanding of the power over analyzing texts. As a writer, I'm able to insert the five senses into my writing. These five senses could be represented through imagery or detailed evidence. Structure in any writing is very important and there are millions of different types of structures that can be used in any writing. For example, the structure for an essay may differ from a public service announcement. A traditional essay may include five, long paragraphs. However, a public service announcement traditionally holds frequent, shorter paragraphs. Additionally, I'm able to identify weak points or weak vocabulary that may need to be revised or edited. As a researcher, I had faced the battle of differing fake news from reliable sources. Especially with widespread issues, there tends to be more fake news articles publishing or posing as influential and popular broadcasting systems. Through this semester I was also able to improve my skills as a researcher by simply reaching out to experts or those specialized in higher English professions. I will be doing an Optional Revision on my Unit 2 Assignment, specifically my Annotated Bibliography. I'm certain about my revisions because I feel that I would be able to better grasp an important insight in my development through my second writing of the semester. I have changed the structure of my

writing and inserted more paragraphs. Another revision I have made is improving my language that was used in the original writing. There are three moments that I'm proud of and highlight my accomplishments. Speaking of my first assignment, a quote that I would state to represent my growth would be, "I realized that religion does not have to be associated with my bad experience. I realized I needed time to know when I was ready, independently, to learn about Islam at the pace that I needed." This quote symbolizes the way I was able to express a different thought, concept, or compelling point. My first writing fixated on my rough path to religion in which I had battled through. In my second paper which was the Annotated Bibliography, a quote that I'm assertive in is, "In my research, I was able to conclude that the Safe-T Act will be unsafe for civilians of Illinois. If HB3653 were to be signed by Governor Pritzker, Illinois families may suffer from criminal trespassing, disorderly misconduct, and obstruction ." I'm proud of this moment because I did my research and I was able to understand the way the SafeT Act will target those or lower or working class families or residents. From Unit 3, my favorite quote would be, "After hitting near historic lows pre-pandemic, crime has been spiking in many parts of the country, including in the nation's most populous city. Shootings in New York City have more than doubled this year compared to the same time period in 2019. The city's new mayor has made public safety his top priority, and polls show that New Yorkers agree. About half say crime is issue number one for them. So, is the city at or close to a tipping point?"", said Judy Woodruff. This would be my favorite quote because train stations were created to conduct safety transportation routes, but have transformed into a dangerous zone for the public. My early assumptions or beliefs about my relationship with writing is that it should be done for an assignment. However, I have learned that the more time you invest into a paper or a writing, the better the lecture or the better the presentation will be. My experience revising assignments is to

know the drastic difference in language and knowledge from my beginning assignments. For example, I feel that I'm more wise now through experiences, lessons, and knowledge. Going into this class, I believed that it would be similar to every other English class I had taken. For example, reading books and writing an essay about the thematic message. However, I learned many different ways in reading, writing, and researching. I have learned to better analyze my work, beware of fake-news, and have better vocabulary. To students that will be taking this course next semester, my advice would be to be present. The class was worth it and was a great experience. Makes me look forward to my other classes this second semester!

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Unit 1: Education Narrative Essay

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My Chaotic Road to Peace

“ It's Friday, which means it's Jummah. I better see you getting a prayer mat, you have ten minutes to do so”, my mother had always reminded me. Religion is a subject that may be delicate for some and a passion for others. I was born into a Muslim family, but nobody was more religious than my mother. If anything, she was the only person that had committed herself to Islam. For my brother and I, we had rarely prayed or read the Quran unless we were forced to. However, my brother does have the passion to willingly pray to God about once a week. In contrast, I had never prayed or read the Quran with interest or without being advised to do so. If I had never had a figure to force me, I am aware that I would never have devoted myself to religion on my own.

Growing up, I had been enrolled in an Islamic center to comprehend Arabic and the teachings of the Quran. I remember those years as the core memory of my unhappiness. It felt like an additional three hours of school after the usual eight hours of elementary school. In that mosque, I had witnessed students getting hit, ears pulled or taken to the rat room. As kids, the mosque teachers would threaten students to memorize the Quran or they would be taken to a room filled with horrifying, big rats. While my mother had been confident she had sent her daughter where she belongs, I felt unsafe and disturbed by my discipline. While most of my companions at school went to the playground after to play, I had to proceed to a mosque to fulfill

my mom's expectations. Due to not yearning to be there, I had never memorized the sections or retained anything. My brain repented the knowledge. I can take myself back to one of my recollections that shaped my rebellious phase. It was a burning, summer afternoon. I had been watching television in a space shared by my mother and me. I could recall hearing my mother speak to my private educator to come over. "I'll go to sleep, so she thinks I'm tired and will revoke my session. That has to work, it worked before," I repeatedly told myself as I was feigning to sleep. The instant my tutor reached, I was slapped back into existence. I sat on that desk with my eyes tearing up, my nose running, and my cheeks swollen. That exact moment sparked my determination to set boundaries and there was only one way of doing so: rebelling. My mother evolved to become more observant and dedicated to finding a way, so she introduced me to an at-home tutor that would reach over to my house to teach me the laws of Islam. Through this, I became dedicated to uncovering ways to rebel. I would feign falling asleep before she called my mother so that she would come in to tutor me, expecting my mother would cancel. But, that never seemed to work. I vividly recollect using my sense of hearing to pin the phone conversation to the identity of the individual. At this moment, I can visualize my sense of sight. For example, I had a particular foldable desk that was used during my private sessions. When I used my sense of sight to see the table was set up, I realized that my tutor was on her way. Eventually, I enraged my mother for not fulfilling her hopes as a Muslim daughter. "Are you even Muslim? You're born into a Muslim family, but you don't pray or read the Quran. So what? You just don't believe in Allah," duplicated my mother throughout my childhood. In my religion, women are identified as pure, committed, and the embodiment of preparing for marriage. As I was lacking my part in religion, I was portrayed as the opposite: impure, rebellious, and lack of identity. It had become to make me feel guilty to be on a prayer mat but

pretended to pray, knowing that a pair of eyes were watching me. It made me feel like a bad individual for partaking in an action that was disrespectful to those that practice the religion of Islam. Due to pretending, my long-term effect led to forgetting how to pray or understand Arabic. During that phase in my life, I had no attraction to regaining my knowledge of the practices of Islam. As my mother had admitted to herself that she had done what she could, she had begun to stop forcing. Instead, she would mention it once a month to pray sometimes or read a page of the Quran.

During quarantine, I found myself not finding comfort within myself with a lot of trauma. I had found myself reaching out to God and saying small prayers. At times of need, I felt comfort and peace. I realized that religion does not have to be associated with my bad experience. I realized I needed time to know when I was ready, independently, to learn about Islam at the pace that I needed. Still to this day, I may not be the most religious individual that you may come across. However, I'm now open-minded to the idea and am willing to learn. I'm proud of myself for overcoming this issue I had within my inner child who had been traumatized by the subject of religion. I had transformed into a woman that is currently writing her college narrative on religion and slowly overcoming my life-long obstacles. I gained my waking up the moment that I read all writer's experiences in the novels they have written. I realized that there had been nothing wrong with me for not having the same dreams as my mother. Throughout my life, I had believed that religion may have been created by the people to help individuals find an answer to all their questions. But, with an additional amount of years, I have realized that religion may be real and I needed to discover Islam on my own.

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U2 Reflective Annotated Bibliography

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