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Final Reflection and Portfolio

I have developed as a writer by learning new types of skills and incorporating them into my writing. I also learned that as a writer it is good to learn from other people and evolve your own writing along with new skills I picked up from other professionals. Furthermore, as a researcher, I have done a lot and learned so much about how reliable the sources are and how to look for how credible and resourceful an article is. In addition, I also learned how to use MLA and APA citations while given additional resource material such as the NYCCT library. These skills and new information I have learned I incorporate in my public speaking outline. On another topic of what I assume about my writing from the beginning up to the present. My early assumptions haven't changed now because I still think my writing still sucks ass because I didn't like reading and writing because I felt like it was really boring and no fun to read since I tend to get bored really easily when the book is too long. But something that did change from the first semester was that I improved in writing because I am learning and using the mistakes that I make to improve and making sure I try not to make the same mistakes again. Same thing with reading I felt like I improved a little bit because in the beginning my reading was all over the place by speed reading or skimming through and not getting the big idea of the article. This led to me not understanding what the main point was from a piece of writing. I feel like in terms of skill I am currently still at the beginning but still moving towards the intermediate stage of public speaking but I get really nervous when I go on the stage and I unconsciously get really nervous so I started

fidgeting. But other than getting nervous once I start talking I don't stop until I finish the entire speech but after that, I am done with my speech I overthink that I could have done better. So I am still in my beginning to intermediate stage of public speaking is where I think I am at in terms of speaking. But for critical thinking skills, I would say still in the beginning because I am not critical thinking enough and am still at the basic level of thinking. Finally, my listening skills are alright because I listen but sometimes I don't tend to listen well and I get sidetracked. But overall I try my best to listen and understand what the speaker is trying to say. The most important thing that I have learned is to never push things to the very last minute but the most important thing that I have learned is to believe in yourself that you can do it and to go beyond. I feel like the most significant effect that has impacted my learning experience is the how-to speech because this really shows me how different and how much I still have to go to be a good public speaker. This also showed that there was a lot of improvement on my part and the skills that I am still lacking as a public speaker. With this knowledge, I have found myself in a position where I want to learn how to become a better public speaker. The atmosphere and the way we have to do things on our own without other people telling us the deadline because it really shows that college is really different since they won't be babysitting me all the way through. This is preparing us for the real world because it is much crueller than college.

From my first piece of work, the quote I chose is "The year went by like wildfire" as you can see here at the beginning of the year, my writing was terrible but I learned and improved over time. "The year went by like wildfire. Are you freaking kidding me HERE! I was just settling in and now you want me to go to another school and environment just because I moved to another place to live. I also have to change schools and begin a whole new chapter of settling in again." As you can see from this quote it's more explanatory than the first one that I wrote and

I improved by adding on and it's not that vague. I took what I learned and implemented it into my writing so that it's easier to understand. This shows how I evolved and continued to use the skills I learned to test my writing further. "Cyberbullying is also one which really puts a lot more pressure. Finally, this is why schools and the government should hear this due to the fact that the government and the school have really close relationships with each other which is most likely that they will hear each other's opinions. Finally, schools and government should really consider other people's feelings and stories instead of relying on one side of the book and not talking to them due to racial discrimination." I chose this quote from my annotated bibliography because it really showed how much I have improved in writing from the first quote I shared which is from the Educational Narrative. This also shows how much I have learned from the beginning of the year up to now. More descriptive and less vague so it's easier to understand. The final quote that I am going to provide really shows how much I have learned as a writer from writing my own genre. "This shows that young adults and kids have the hardest time living because they have this kind of world growing up. This is affecting kids all around and this constant spread is really costing people their livelihoods and their family and friends. Both of these quotes correspond with the picture because they are both connected due to the similarities which shows that young adults of LGBTQ and the community are not that different because in the end no matter what happens, they don't give up on living and push through. They have the pride and freedom to get past their hardships." I chose this quote because it represents everything I have learned from the beginning of the school year to now towards the end of the school year. It really shows that you understand my genre and what my assignment is really asking for. But the biggest improvement that I have in this quote is using all the skills that I have learned and putting them into this quote.

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Owen Zhang's Educational Speech

When I was in second grade, I was that dum-dum gum-gum type of guy since it was my first time in New York and my learning skills were off the charts. Some may say I was illiterate because of the slow change of pace in my learning life. There I was a person who didn't do much work and as the introvert that I am, I couldn't make friends or even approach them. Once I arrived in class I neither felt welcomed nor happy to be in that class due to them not being welcoming or not feeling that I belonged there. I felt so left out and the only one that didn't belong in the class. The learning experience changed with the fact that my Chinese was oof-ed and reading, writing, and my head thinking were too much for my small brain cells at work. I felt like an outcast that didn't belong in the class because I couldn't chat with them and They rarely talked to me. Eyes peeling, nose bursting, and ear waxing: learning a new language is tough as nails. I couldn't understand much and I kept getting pulled out of the class by the teacher due to learning slowly and not getting help from my peers around me. Making new friends was a real issue for me because I couldn't talk to them since I get sub-nervous whenever I try to talk to new people. When I try talking to other people I always stop halfway and don't persuade them any further. But when I met a friend magnet who was more outgoing and I always felt comfortable

around him. He was always reassuring and had normal conversations. He was my one and only friend at PS2. From that day on I wanted to be like him, he was truly outgoing, and try to be but I couldn't be or become him because I am my person, personality, and traits. Friends come a long way and it won't hurt by talking to new people. You only live once you take this opportunity because this chance will only come once since you will only be a child once and be that age once. The year went by like wildfire. Are you freaking kidding me here. First I was just settling in and now you want me to go to another school and environment just because I moved to another place to live I also have to change schools and begin a whole new chapter of setting now. Are you nuts, oh my god I'm leaving my friends behind to make new friends AHHHHHH! This is just crazy and it's only been less than a year since to settle in just to move again and settle in another place. It was at the beginning of third grade when I felt like I had settled down in the new grade. But unfortunately, that has come to an end where my transfer was inevitable and after I settled in I was about to get unsettled in a new school. I am like whaa I don't wanna go because I started to get settled down. Bruh everything I try to learn something new but all that I have learned from the past year will be gone cause I am going to a new place and a new start. The thing I learned in PS2 will carry on to my new school, but there was one thing I couldn't do which was to make new friends because I didn't have the confidence to start a normal conversation. There I was in my new school PS1 and I couldn't make any friends at all when I was first at the school and when I was introduced to the class. I was too nervous every single time I tried to talk to people. It starts with me going halfway but stopping because my head and body stopped me and I get worked up and overthink all of it. Therefore I always started with them coming to me and asking if they wanted to be my friend because I couldn't muster up the confidence and courage and that's how it went. I don't want it to be one way because with this

happening I will forever be an introvert and never learned how to take risks to pass my inner and outer fear. I wouldn't usually start a conversation so I could never initial if I wanted to be their friend or no intention. This happened when I was in third grade and going through fifth grade where I couldn't do anything at all. Starting in third grade I felt more welcome than I did when I was in PS2, it felt heartwarming. At the same time, I felt welcomed. I saw someone that I like at first sight and the worst part was I could never approach her because she was always with her friends and I could never talk to new people in a group because I am too nervous and quiet about that. After I was introduced I was in the best position because I got to sit next to her. I was "uh, uh hi, ma-ma my name is a Owen i-i it's a-a na na nice to to to a me-me meet you." She was relaxed and smiled "hi Owen, My name is Allison it is nice to meet you too!" Wow, and it was very calm and collected for me. After that, I continued to talk to Allison and Cindy because those 2 people were my only friends at the time and we sat together. I could never talk to other people. I was still so nervous talking to other people and I wasn't confident in my abilities to make new friends. I was starting to get used to talking to them until another person came over to tell me to stop talking to one of them because they said it was not a good idea to talk to them... The teacher moved my seats around to meet new people. I met a few new people but this time I was able to initiate the conversation and asked them to be my friend because I had help from Allison and I was more confident in myself to make the conversation. I was able to learn something while I got help from my friends and made new friends. You won't learn anything if you don't try first and take the risk yourself. Also, I learned that you can't wait until other people make their move first because I need to be active as well not just other people. Once third grade was over I sadly had to repeat a grade due to my grades but I met new people and I try to do what Allison has taught me and try to make new friends and go up to them. Repeating a year my first friend in the repeated

first year was Raymond. He was more of a serious and chill type of guy who is very smart but I usually talk to him more often until I made new other friends. I tried to talk to them whenever I can. I started making more friends and understanding that Friends are a great blessing for the learning process. This continued through 5th grade and I had a lot more friends when I needed help I always asked them for help. I learned that the hard way but my learning experience changed when I had friends because they will be there for you whenever you are in trouble and always support you where such cases will come when you move to an unknown land and start fresh and new. I finally started to understand that making friends and being confident in yourself is key to making your learning experience worth you're wild. Time's like these you would want to do what you can because you only get one chance of being young.

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U2 Reflective Annotated Bibliography

A lot of people discriminate against LGBTQ people because of their gender traits and characteristics that allow them to be targeted for bullying and acts of discrimination. LGBTQ community has always been looked down upon and due to this nature they were given fewer opportunities and were treated not like ordinary people. They were outcasts to the rest of their fellow humans because of the way they think, believed, and even. I got interested in this question because of the way that people treat other people differently based on race, gender, and ideology. Since I already know how blacks are being treated I never got into how LGBTQ people were being treated and so I wanted to find out why they are treated differently the same way as blacks do. My question for this topic is why LGBTQ treated differently and discriminated against by other citizens. Because the lifestyle we live is different from what LGBTQ has to face and live under. What I would like to find out is why they view LGBTQ people differently from our society. And why they are treated the way they are even if our views of them are different from our own. Moreover, they survive in the real world because as you know, their views are different

and they are treated differently based on their characteristics. Furthermore, their differences between their way of living and ours and their experiences in their daily lives. Finally, I want to find out if there were any improvements that have helped LGBTQ people live a better and more successful life or if will it stay the same even after everything that has happened to improve life will LGBTQ people still get the same treatment and live that unsuccessful life? In the end, I want to find out why LGBTQ have this kind of life. The first major issue of LGBTQ is discriminating against homosexuals because of their ideals and being oppressed by the government and ingroup identity. In the Journal “The liberation of LGBTQ+ will also liberate heterosexuals” it reveals that They are coming together to resolve the issues of LGTBQ+. For example the preserved discrimination against another disadvantaged group. This really shows that these groups are being treated and constantly being oppressed by the government. “We examine these relationships in Turkey, in a context where both women and the LGBTQ+ community have been targeted for a long time by the current government. In recent years, the government in Turkey has banned both pride marches and feminist marches. In addition, crimes against trans people have remained unpunished, femicides are on the extreme rise, and the president of religious affairs has made the LGBTQ+ community a scapegoat during the COVID-19 pandemic.” (Uysal, Mete Sefa, et al. ““The Liberation of LGBTQ+ Will Also Liberate Heterosexuals’: Heterosexual Feminist Women’s Participation in Solidarity-based Collective Action for LGBTQ+ Rights.” *European Journal of Social Psychology*, vol. 52, no. 2, 2022, pp. 377–90, <https://doi.org/10.1002/ejsp.2799>). This really reveals that these groups of people is being targeted because they are easy and can be manipulated since people are already discriminated against them and no one will believe a word they say. I feel that the government shouldn't be putting the LGTBQ+ community down by preventing them to express their feelings and saying.

This really contributes to how LGBTQ+ people are being discriminated against and since the citizen and the government are all against them it is really hard for them to fight back and give out their opinions and thoughts about the situation. Additionally Jobs, health care, and education are very heavy towards LGBTQ. According to Discrimination in the United States States that “Experiences of interpersonal discrimination were common for LGBTQ adults, including slurs (57 percent), microaggressions (53 percent), sexual harassment (51 percent), violence (51 percent), and harassment regarding bathroom use (34 percent). More than one in six LGBTQ adults also reported avoiding health care due to anticipated discrimination (18 percent), including 22 percent of transgender adults, while 16 percent of LGBTQ adults reported discrimination in health care encounters. LGBTQ racial/ethnic minorities had statistically significantly higher odds than whites in reporting discrimination based on their LGBTQ identity when applying for jobs when trying to vote or participate in politics, and interacting with the legal system

CONCLUSIONS: Discrimination is widely experienced by LGBTQ adults across health care and other domains, especially among racial/ethnic minorities. Policy and programmatic efforts are needed to reduce these negative experiences and their health impact on sexual and/or gender minority adults, particularly those who experience compounded forms of discrimination.”

(Casey, Logan S et al. “Discrimination in the United States: Experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer Americans.” Health services research vol. 54 Suppl 2, Suppl 2 (2019): 1454-1466. doi:10.1111/1475-6773.13229). This demonstrates that LGBTQ are being discriminated against with health care and since health care is a major part of your life, having a hard time will change your view on people differently and can really affect their personality and character. Additionally, LGBTQ has faced so many discrimination acts. Furthermore connecting back to the first journal it also reveals to us that the discrimination that LGBTQ face is preserved

and is over a long period of time which causes them to have health problems and discrimination with Health care really is a negative experience in life. Finally, another reason how LGBTQ people are being discriminated against is in school because of their sexual orientation, harassment, and gender identity. Due to school having high rates on school dress codes people in LGBTQ has less time or rather fewer opportunities to express what they like to wear through stereotypical ideas and beliefs. According to Justia, "In a 2015 district court opinion in California, a judge ruled that discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is not a separate category of discrimination, but falls under the larger umbrella of sex discrimination. The ruling allowed two female basketball players to proceed with a lawsuit that alleged a university discriminated against them because they were dating and forced them off the school's basketball team." (Buzzard, LGBTQ Discrimination in Schools, Justia, 10/22, <https://www.justia.com/lgbtq/youth/discrimination-schools/>). This really demonstrates that these discriminations are targeting and causing problems for students who can go fulfill what they were meant to do when they are at school. In the text where they were forced out of the school's basketball team that is sex discrimination which is only targeting female players and their hating to have 2 girls on their team decided to ruin them. This really shows that people don't care about fairness and quality for all. In the end, LGBTQ is really affected physically, mentally, and psychologically and puts too much pressure on them. In conclusion, I realized that LGBTQ people have a really difficult life and this really shows the difference between our life and their life. I found out that LGBTQ people are always mentally, and physical stress with all of the peer pressure they face and all of the amount of discrimination they come across every day. I learned that doing this research is really telling us that people are really oppressing the LGBTQ because to them they aren't normal people but even so I feel like it is completely wrong to treat them

differently. Just because they have different ideals and orientations that doesn't mean we as normal human beings are treated differently. This is an important topic overall because you might know someone who is trans and can stand up or form a group together to put your feelings and opinions out there. This is also an important topic to know because it can show you a different perspective of things and since you kinda know about the situation they are going through. You can help them out and comfort them when they need it. I feel like the government and the schools need to be changed because the government should really listen to all citizens and since LGBTQ are citizens too the government who also at least hear them out instead of only hearing it from one side of the story. I also feel like the government should not be the one opposing LGBTQ people because they have human rights and the opinion that should be heard. Schools are also another place because schools are where people develop their characteristics and personality. So when schools show that they are discriminating against them it really really judges a book by its cover. Cyberbullying is also one which really puts a lot more pressure. Finally, this is why schools and the government should hear this due to the fact that the government and the school are really close relationships with each other which is most likely that they will hear each other's opinions. Finally, schools and government should really consider other people's feelings and stories instead of relying on one side of the book and not talking to them due to racial discrimination.

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