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Final Reflection

From August to now, I've come a long way with my writing. I've always preferred to handwrite everything because I felt it meant more than typing it. Through my experience, covid made everything online, so I didn't have to write essays or write most things, but coming into college with everything mostly online made it somewhat relatively easy. Going online made everything easier to look for things, correct myself and make it happen quickly. Even though it's all online I still write it out to make it easier for myself and to make me write better. As a writer I have developed the ability to expand my knowledge and go into more details when I'm talking about a topic. I am able to use stronger vocabulary. I can turn a 5 sentence into a more structured sentence. It has also taught me to speak better due to stronger word choices. As a reader and researcher I have become better in looking for details that get to the point and are clear on the topic. I'm now multiple ways. Becoming a better researcher has taught me that the more you look, the more details you will find. Becoming a better reader, researcher and writer means that you will start off bad or not as great but with practice and multiple tries you'll become better not perfect but better from where you started. In the beginning I didn't expect it to be so simple. I expected it to be more difficult. I thought that I had to turn in all the work the same day or at the end of class. I thought I'd fail because I didn't know how to write well but that has changed because I have gotten a little better. Three moments in my writing journey this semester that I was most proud of was the first assignment that we did. "Unfortunately it happened to me at a young age. It was the last year of elementary school. Just within the next couple months was middle school." I wasn't just proud of that quote, I was proud overall because it took a lot in me to write about it. It was something that was personal and still hard to deal with but I managed to talk about it. Other than that I wasn't really proud of anything else I did. I slacked a lot and I honestly could have done way better if I had put in the effort that was asked for. My experience when I was revising assignments or had peer revising weren't the best but were also good at the same time. Revising in my opinion is the hard part of writing. You have to take the time to look over your writing multiple times to find small errors because you don't always find them on the first try. Having to make sure you follow the guidelines and meeting the number that is required for the word count and the corrections that are given sometimes messes up a part in what you are trying to talk about. I'm not sure what I was expected to learn but I knew and figured that it was going to be hard and something new, that would help me later on in the next semester and following years. I didn't expect it would make me a good and better reader, writer and even a researcher. I feel that now that I have realized that it was easier and more simple that I could have and should have put more effort into it. As an example I have decided to revise and redo my

assignment 2 because after getting my grade for it i wasn't satisfied with it and now that i see what i have missed and need to work on i think redoing it i can make it better and structure it differently because from the feedback i got i was missing a lot in my writing. Now that I know a lot more and understand more on my topic I can make it make more sense. My best advice that I would give to students taking this course next semester is keep yourself at a pace that you are up to date with the class because it does get stressful and difficult. Try to look at what will be done and due for next class so you're aware of what you need to do. Missing classes a lot will mess you up and stress you out. College isn't easy but it is if you make it. Make a schedule and plan for the way you will do things and want to do things it will help you out best. Try your best to hand in work on time. Overall as a first experience in this course I had a lot to learn with all the errors that i have gone through. I know what to do and not to do now in the next experience and semesters.

Unit 1

A different type of change

At a young age or any age, your home and family mean the most to you. No one ever expects or wants having to deal with choosing a side, who you want to live with or the pain that one parent wouldn't be returning home to you. Unfortunately it happened to me at a young age. It was the last year of elementary school. Just within the next couple months was middle school. What was supposed to be the most exciting year, turned out to be the biggest turn around.

No 10 year old wants to mature at that age or have to deal with bigger problems that are harder than math homework. That year was a tough one but as tough as it was I still got through it and turned out pretty okay. It wasn't easy and there was a lot to take in. I was 10 and my little brother was only 3 years old. As long as I can remember my dad was my best friend, our bond was so strong. I was always with him, everywhere he went I went with him.

My grandma used to say “you are the girl version of your dad. Everything he does and says you do too.” That's how I knew my dad and I were very close. When I found out that my dad was

leaving I hated him with everything in me. I hated him for 3 years because not only did everything change but our bond wasn't the same anymore. It was the worst and hardest experience to see other kids that were me and my brothers age with their dads doing things and going places.

It was even hard to see families out at the park or just walking on the street. Routines changed and everything that we all did together was now being done with just me, my mom and my brother. The stages I went through weren't the best and it made my mom's days longer and added more stress for her to deal with. I started to rebel against my mom and my family and throughout my 3 years of middle school I started following the wrong crowd and decided that because I was already on the wrong path I was going to start getting into trouble in school. When it came time for an explanation I told everyone that "my parents weren't living in the same home anymore". It was 2 or 3 years that had passed but because I had so much anger and sadness left in me I didn't know what to do so that became my excuse.

The next year after that my great grandma had gone to the hospital and wasn't doing so well and ended up leaving us which made things 10 times more difficult for me because not only were I dealing with this I had to accept the fact that the lady I spent 10 years of my life with, left me. Those years my mom was still so depressed so she didn't bother with anything she had no hope or energy for anything. Me acting out was taking advantage of that. High school came around and the anger and trouble were out of my system, it was mostly depression that ran through me. Because I was a little older and had more knowledge on it and I became less mad about it. My second and third year of high school I had my first boyfriend and let's just say it wasn't the greatest experience.

I was so scared because all my life I looked at how happy and good my parents used to be and I told myself as a little girl “that's what I wanted for myself.” But when they fell apart, so did that part of me that believed in that. It caused me to end my relationship with my boyfriend because I was scared that at some point he'd leave like my dad and I would be hurt all over again. Over the years my parents separation, made me view a lot of things differently from relationships to almost everyday life. It somehow shaped me to become an independent young woman. It put my focus on getting my high school diploma and going to college because it was the only thing they agreed that they wanted from me.

My parents didn't get to finish high school and got to college as they wanted to so I did it for them. My dad always told me since I was little “I want you to be somebody not a nobody like me and your mom.” Ever since he told me that it stuck with me because as much as I wanted to give up and drop out of high school I kept going because it made them both happy. As time passed and all the years went by I finally accepted everything and moved on from it. It was and still is an adjustment to get used to but we all managed to get through it. After I turned 16 I stopped having this ball of hate for my dad and became okay with him and grew back the bond we had. It wasn't the exact bond but it was close.

People say that “people change” or “some people will never change”. I believe both of them. Today I'm 18 now so I'm more on my own i dont need my dad as much as I did when I was younger. My brother is 11 and he still has time to spend with our dad until he's my age. Even though he missed some years and some milestones of our lives and some may say that it's too late. But I personally believe it's not. It's an effort that he's trying to make up for the loss of years. A few years ago this would have been a hard topic to talk about or even think about. Now I'm able to talk about it and have others know about it.

U2 reflection annotated bibliography

Introduction:

Who is responsible for inflation?

Inflation is the increase in prices of goods and services in the economy over time. Inflation can be either good or bad most of the time it's not so good, when it becomes too high it can harm the economy when it's too low it can weaken the economy. The most recent inflation started in mid 2021 and hasn't went down much since. I decided to focus on this topic because it is a social problem that we are currently dealing with. Inflation may be considered as nothing to some people but to others it's a big deal. Prices for the majority of things have gone up which makes it harder for middle class people to afford it. It makes it hard for even students or people who are unemployed to have access to buying things they need.

Source entries:

Citation 1

"Inflation Blame Game." *Dollars & Sense*, no. 361, July-Aug. 2022, p. 1. *Gale Academic OneFile*,

link.gale.com/apps/doc/A718217463/AONE?u=cuny_nytc&sid=bookmark-AONE&xid=28a5781f. Accessed 21 Nov. 2022.

“Mainstream economists and media commentators take the easy route and blame today's inflation on "the usual scapegoats "--greedy workers and profligate government spending. Such explanations tee up what Miller calls "class-war macroeconomic policy strategy "--interest rate hikes that drive the economy into recession--that is "intended to repress wages and assure robust profits. " But since this approach is blaming the wrong culprits, it is unlikely to tamp down on inflation.”

Summary:

Many people are quick to blame the people that are making the most money or the people that want the most money. Those sets of people are the fastest to be blamed because they don't complain as much as the people who don't have it. They are highly listened to because they have the money to be heard, which also means that they can pay to be heard and have their way. For example, the gas prices went up and most people couldn't afford it so it caused them not to continue to do day to day activities. Some others weren't bothered by it because it didn't matter to them. Some people say that inflation is nothing but a cry for money for a product that is so minimal.

Citation 2:

<https://reason.com/2022/04/20/whos-really-to-blame-for-inflation/>

There are many takes on who's to blame for inflation. It's the president. It's the former president. It's supply chains. It's Russia. It's corporations. With inflation now at 8.5 percent, understanding who is at fault matters. And with underlying issues ranging from the economic effects of COVID-19 and decisions made by central banks to policies enacted under recent presidential administrations and the interconnectedness of the global economy, there's plenty of blame to go around.

Summary:

The prices for things were going up drastically from mid 2021 to now and some could say that because money was being wasted on other things that were not needed in the economy they needed to raise the prices of things to build it back up.

Citation 3:

▶ Here's Who to Really Blame for High Inflation

Summary:

The first person that everyone would turn to blame is the president because he is more in control of most things than others. It starts with him then gets passed on to who puts it into consideration. They would turn to all federal people that are in charge

Reflection:

In my opinion I think that whoever is in charge of the prices is the one to blame because they are the only ones that are in control of it. I think that it's not fair that some people have to go out their way and work more or try to do something more to be able to afford certain things especially if it's needed. I feel that it is unfair to all classes of people because some can be okay with it and some have to suffer to meet a standard.

Unit 3

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lpk7JpTSJ5yBMaYHtc2mHwZ4jlbeTD5F6nZSoQZx1CA>

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Optional Revision of Unit 2:

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Summary:

Many people are quick to blame the people that are making the most money or the people that want the most money for the price rise. Those sets of people are the fastest to be blamed because they don't complain as much as the people who can't make as much money. They are most likely listened to because they have the money to be heard, which also means that they can pay to be heard and have their way. For example, the gas prices went up and most people couldn't afford it so it caused them not to continue to do day to day activities. Some others weren't bothered by it

because it didn't matter to them. Some may claim that inflation is nothing but a cry for money for a product that is so minimal.

Citation 2:

<https://www.investopedia.com/ask/answers/111414/does-inflation-favor-lenders-or-borrowers.asp>

“For example, if the price of a television increases from \$1,500 to \$1,600 due to inflation, the lender makes more money because 10% interest on \$1,600 is more than 10% interest on \$1,500. Plus, the extra \$100 and all the extra interest might take more time to pay off, meaning even more [profit](#) for the lender.”

Summary:

The prices for things were going up drastically from mid 2021 to now. Many sources are saying that because Biden is wasteful spending money that it's what's making prices go up just so it evens it out meaning with the amount he's spending it will get paid back with higher prices in the economy.

Citation 3:

▶ [Here's Who to Really Blame for High Inflation](#)

“So even if inflation is simply a monetary phenomenon, the president picks the person in charge of monetary policy and therefore has to take a little of the blame.”

“Don't forget, Covid-19, the war in Ukraine and other price shocks have played a big role. And finally, there's us. Regular working people.”

Summary:

The first person that everyone would turn to blame is the president because he is more in control of most things than others. It starts with him then gets passed on to who puts it into consideration. They would turn to all federal people that are in charge.

Reflection:

In my opinion I believe that whoever is in charge of the money and the president is to blame because they have more control and they say yes or no to go through with it. It isn't fair to the people that have to work overtime to afford certain things, especially for essential needs. The middle class economy has to suffer to meet the standard amount of minimum wage.