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Final Reflection & Portfolio

Taking an English class helped me enhance my writing skills by providing structured feedback, teaching grammar rules, and fostering creativity. As a reader, it enhanced my ability to analyze texts critically and comprehend many genres as a reader. In research, I learned how to gather and evaluate sources, strengthening my ability to support arguments with evidence. What I learned about myself this semester is that if I take my time and use a technique that suits me, I will be more productive and produce excellent work. For unit 1, I chose the quote “Even though my mother and I have not always gotten along, this was something I wanted to do for us, to follow in her footsteps, make her happy, and in a way improve our relationship giving us a more common ground to relate to and share an interest in. We have our differences, but she is part of why I am here pursuing an ambitious career in hopes of being successful in my future.” I chose this quote because it means a lot to me pursuing something that means a lot to both my mother and me. This is one way we connect regularly together and having this meaningful connection with her means everything. For unit 2, I chose the quote “Recently I overheard people talking in the grocery store, all I could hear was their concern about how expensive all the groceries are. This made me think about how I see people’s carts being less and less full and how people are even making the switch from name brands to generic brands.” I chose this quote because it’s the sad reality of what’s going on in the world. For unit 3, I chose the quote “As for individuals who suffer from food insecurity, individuals who know the feeling of not knowing when their next

meal is coming, they'll be able to see the art and instantly know that they're not alone through these troubling times and that change is needed." I chose this quote because it is inspirational. Not only for the people seeing this art in poverty-stricken areas but even for people in opposite communities. For example, this makes me feel grateful because I worry less than others about food insecurity. Everyone's case is different, but this puts everything into perspective in our everyday lives. In my early assumptions, I felt as if I wouldn't be able to keep up with writing these papers in our English class because I thought it would be a lot more than the course load we had. It's easy to write about things you know but, in this class, we wrote about so many different topics, and it was a bit overwhelming at first. My assumptions slightly changed because I realized I could handle how much work we had and researching the topics was quite interesting. When revising my assignments, I didn't have to do so much, but when I did it was little errors like punctuation that I missed when reading over. In this class, I expected to learn how to correctly format, cite, and think deeply and independently when it comes to my writing. I thought this class was great! I enjoyed being there and the professor was very motivating. Now that the semester is over, I learned all of those things I previously mentioned. I also learned how to pace when it comes to my papers so that I don't feel so overwhelmed doing things last minute. For those who plan to enroll in this course next semester, I would advise maintaining organization, making good use of your time, contributing to discussions, asking for assistance when necessary, and looking into further resources to broaden your knowledge on writing assignments. This is very important because it's easy to lose track of time. I wished I participated more, whenever other people did it made things the class a lot more interesting.

Unit 1:

<https://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/pennereng1101fa2023d420mw10am/files/2023/10/Alexxa-Cornejo-Unit-1-Writing-Assignment-1.pdf>

Unit 2:

<https://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/pennereng1101fa2023d420mw10am/files/2023/11/Alexxa-Cornejo-U2-Reflective-Annotated-Bibliography-1.pdf>

Unit 3:

<https://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/pennereng1101fa2023d420mw10am/files/2023/12/Alexxa-Cornejo-U3-Writing-in-a-New-Genre.pdf>

