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Final Reflection and Portfolio

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Final Reflection

As the semester comes to an end, I learned many things about myself as a reader and writer that will not only carry me through my future in reading and writing but also prepare me for my future in college. The drastic change in how I learned to read and write this semester in comparison to high school not only taught me many writing techniques but also taught me to organize my time and schedules according to my workload. Earlier in the semester, I struggled a lot with adjusting to the whole new setting and administration where I had to adjust my lifestyle. By the end of the semester, I'm glad to say the flexibility and workload taught me how to read and write effectively and consistently.

With the Unit 1 Narrative Essay assignment, I learned that I am more capable as a writer than I thought. My assignments this semester were very cohesive altogether. I learned that I could easily build off my ideas completely and comprehensively. I also learned how to write about something I feel strongly personal about, something I know will be useful. With the first major writing assignment, I completely changed how I approached writing. After the initial Open Lab assignments and "Shitty First Drafts" I let myself type all the ideas without really reading them over until I'm ready to revise, rearrange, and edit. Once I ramble on the page, it becomes easier for me to look through the text I wrote and see what errors I made or what I can improve

or change. This new approach to writing completely changed how my essays flow and how I look at how I edit and write.

With Unit 2, I learned that analyzing credible sources can advance my understanding of whatever I am researching and help me extensively dissect my question. I found it difficult to find sources that fit the criteria and were academic. Going through the CityTech database helped me find credible academic sources that fit the topic I was researching. The class where we learned how to use the library search engine was probably the most helpful aspect of going through this project as I now know what resources I can use to further my research. After completing this assignment, it is much easier for me to know exactly what to look for when conducting research in my future classes. It was helpful to have a structure for my research that allowed me to read back on what I read as well as reflect on what I thought of the source.

Unit 3 taught me how far I can take my work if I feel passionate about the subject I am writing about. It really helped me stay engaged in my thoughts as I was excited to learn more and write about a topic I was genuinely interested in and a topic that affected me personally. Expanding off my Unit 2 project was such a good transition into the Unit 3 project as I understood the scope of my topic and how to address it properly. It was really helpful to approach writing in a new genre with a topic that I thoroughly researched and gathered sources on.

Overall, this semester of English taught me so many skills necessary for me to carry on in my future in college. I'm so glad to have learned reading and writing techniques vital to my future education. This semester not only taught me to engage in my assignments but led to me learning more about myself as a learner. By the end of the semester, I can say I'm much more confident in my writing skills and much less overwhelmed as I'm now more prepared to engage in my assignments.

Portfolio

Unit 1:

<https://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/pennereng1101fa2023d420mw10am/2023/10/19/nicholas-tungol-u1-writing-assignment/>

Unit 2: <https://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/pennereng1101fa2023d420mw10am/2023/11/10/nick-tungolu2-reflective-annotated-bibliography/>

Unit 3: <https://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/pennereng1101fa2023d420mw10am/2023/12/12/nick-tungol-part-1-and-2-of-u3-writing-assignment/>