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Final Reflection and Portfolio

This semester has taught me plenty, including my reading and my writing. I learned that I enjoy reading about new things like historical figures and historical moments. I find it interesting to branch off into different genres when it comes to reading, and my reading assignments have definitely proved me right. This semester has not only taught me the enjoyment of reading, but how different writing assignments are. I found writing in college to be more deep of an understanding than in highschool. My writing assignments made me think deeper and more honestly when talking about economical issues or taking real world problems and trying to come up with a solution. While I was writing my Unit 2 Reflective Annotated Bibliography I learned a great amount about poverty. During that assignment I had to think deeply into why I chose poverty as my topic and it opened my eyes to a world of issues that need more attention. I have a lot more work when it comes to my writing, but I definitely understand the deeper meaning behind each paragraph.

This semester has been full of long weeks and stressful assignments, but I can definitely say I have developed new skills that I have admitted into my day to day. Those new skills relate to reading and writing. This semester has developed my reading skills. All the articles we had to read for our assignments got me out of my reading slump and it got me to enjoy reading again, so much so that I've made it a routine to read every day and I have been enjoying it. While reading you learn new things whether it be historical events, vocabulary or you dive into a whole other

world which can be interesting. The same goes for my writing even though it hasn't developed as much as my reading skills. I do enjoy writing more especially when I enjoy the topic. Even though my reading has developed and changed more than my writing, it only makes me want to improve on my writing skills more.

My classes this semester had taught me a lot and specifically how to manage and prioritize my work, but more importantly my English class taught me how to organize my thoughts and implement them into my work. With the new skills I've adapted from my classes it will make it easier for me to complete and understand my writing assignments for later semesters, by thinking deeply about the topic and knowing how to organize my thoughts and write them down. My time management skills will help me later in college when it comes to organizing my school work and balancing my personal time.

Throughout the entirety of my English class I have gotten to write about important, relevant and personal topics. Starting with Unit 1: Education Narrative, where I got to deep dive into my own life and find a certain experience that educated me. In this assignment I wrote "My high school experience wasn't everything you'd dream of, but it was definitely good for me. And hopefully it was as good of a learning experience for my middle school friends" I wrote this quote to show that it's normal to outgrow friends and that when you are apart you learn a lot from others and learn a lot about yourself as well. I also wrote this because even though you grow apart from old friends it doesn't mean you can't support them from a distance.

Also with Unit 2: Reflective Annotated Bibliography, about researching an important topic and finding important sources to back your claim. In my assignment I wrote "Living in New York you tend to see a lot of homeless people, on the trains, sleeping on benches, sitting on the street with a cup asking for money or help." I wrote this because my topic on this assignment

was poverty. While researching I realized the sad reality of the impoverished and also realized all of the impoverished I see on a day to day basis.

Finally, Unit 3: Writing In a New Genre, was based on our overall unit 2 topic, but to write about it in a different genre form. In my assessment I wrote “His face showered with sadness” I wrote the poem to show how bad poverty can be and I wrote this line in particular to show how one individual could feel as they are among the impoverished. The quote is supposed to show how the impoverished feel when they have to ask for money or just the overall feeling of trying to lift themselves out of poverty.

Overall this semester taught me a lot about college life and how I can better manage my time and class work. I also improved my reading and writing skills by better understanding myself as a writer and what works best for me and finishing assignments, and as a reader I’ve improved on the amount of books I read. If this semester taught me something, I bet next semester will too.

Unit 1:

<https://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/pennereng1101fa2023d442tuth215pm/2023/10/20/emily-redd-u1-writing-assignment/>

Unit 2:

<https://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/pennereng1101fa2023d442tuth215pm/2023/11/09/emily-redd-u2-reflective-annotated-bibliography/>

Unit 3:

<https://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/pennereng1101fa2023d442tuth215pm/2023/12/07/emily-redd-u3-writing-assignment/>

