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Final Reflection & Portfolio

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College is a very different environment compared to high school. Everything is structured in a different manner. Many teachers from high school have said college is just about completing assignment after assignment. This may be true in some regard; however, this English course was quite different. Previous English high school courses were just about writing on very general and boring topics. This English course allowed me to be more creative and open minded to better understand what I'm creating or writing. In doing this it has allowed me to improve on various aspects of my reading and writing. Best of all I've seemed to have found enjoyment while creating the projects during this semester. In past times I've found English class to be quite boring and it was just about just forcing myself to finish the assignment in order to receive a grade. Now that mindset stays in the past and has allowed me to change for the better. This will be quite useful when applying it to my other courses down the road. Making my work going from an average piece of work to something much better that would better reflect my effort put into the work. Such as applying annotations and fully grasping the information I'm researching on to reveal information that has been thoroughly researched so that the average reader can easily understand the points being made. One great example of this would be my public speaking course. During that course I was assigned to utilize online sources in order to speak about a topic I was assigned. This included a presentation which required online sources to be thoroughly annotated so that I can gather information in which I would say during my presentation. My

reading and annotating skills really improved during the time I was in the English course, and I was able to use them in other courses when necessary.

Many of the assignments I've done during this English course have really been different compared previous assignments. As said previously the during the semester, the classes have really allowed me to open to different types of writing. One quote from the Unit 1 assignment expresses it, "In life, you go through various experiences whether they are meaningful. However, all these experiences end up coming together as a sequence that ends up potentially shaping who you are.". This is referring to life in general however, this assignment really allowed myself to dive back into past experiences and open on it. Allowing creativity from my part to make it relatable to the reader in some manner. Moving onto to the Unit 2 assignment, it was mostly about doing research on a specific topic in which you explain and voice your opinion. Such example being, "this has influenced my understanding of what is going on in New York City with its crime rates. Making myself more aware of what areas and what types of crimes are being committed which could be very important. The people who need to hear this information would be New Yorkers living in one of the five boroughs.". Once again, my writing has been quite different to previous work done. Now I try my best to always make sure the reader is related one way or another so that they can fully understand the topic and point being made. This one major writing skill I've was able to acquire from this English course. In unit 3 the assignment was based of research done in unit 2. For this assignment I was able to create Public Service Announcement using the information from unit 2. Once again putting the reader in mind I've specifically chose a Public Service Announcement to make reading as simple as it can be to understand the information.

To summarize, this semester has been quite entertaining in the aspect of learning new techniques and ways of reading/writing. The work I've done this semester is a great start for what's to come. Although, I was given the opportunity to revise and submit one major assignment again, I've decided to not take the opportunity. This is since, I feel its best when people look back on feedback and take it into account to make their next assignment better instead of trying to perfect one assignment.

Unit 1:

https://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/pennereng1101fa2023d442tuth215pm/2023/10/19/jordi-rendon-cruz-u1-writing-assignment/

Unit 2:

https://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/pennereng1101fa2023d442tuth215pm/2023/11/09/jordi-rendon-cruz-u2-reflective-annotated-bibliography/

Unit 3:

https://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/pennereng1101fa2023d442tuth215pm/2023/12/07/jordi-rendon-cruz-u3-writing-assignment/