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Final Reflection

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When I registered for this class, part of me thought it was going to be focused solely on improving the English language grammar, vocabulary, and general conversation skills. However, it turned out to be a journey through an English writing and communication world that I had never experienced before.

As a former English as a Second Language (ESL) student, it was a little surprising for me when I realized the actual purpose of this class. Despite not having a good English accent or vocabulary, I found myself diving deeper into the English language, focusing on improving my writing skills, and noting the importance of being able to communicate in writing. I also learned a lot of new concepts, like a discourse community, which is basically a group of people who share the same communication ideas and expressions. This is something that I've been part of for most of my life, but I didn't know the science behind it. Discourse community was an interesting topic to explore. It made me rethink the numerous ways we communicate in different scenarios.

I also learned the importance of being able to communicate clearly, especially when writing a letter or speech. Nowadays, with the increasing social and political issues affecting our communities, we might have to write a persuasive letter or speech at some point in our professional lives. Therefore, it's vital that we know how to identify our audience and the type of writing techniques that best fit our purpose. This is a skill that I have improved after taking this

class. I now feel more confident when writing an assignment, something that has been extremely challenging for me in previous classes. I'm not good at writing. Therefore, I'm glad I have a different feeling now than before taking this class.

I have to say that I had some doubts about taking online classes, as it is something I hadn't done before. ENG1121 is officially the first online class I've ever taken. I remember back on August 25, when classes began. I didn't know how to react, or what to feel. I was confident and nervous at the same time. I remember having my camera on and introducing myself immediately after joining the zoom meeting. I then realized I was doing it wrong. I didn't know how online classes were handled, and even though I didn't take long to adapt, it was a funny personal experience that made my first classes a little easier. Online classes were not as bad as I thought, on the contrary, I found online classes to be easier than in person. Nevertheless, I was still missing being able to socialize with classmates, something that wasn't possible in an online environment. On various occasions it felt like online classes were mostly a one-way conference. This meant that having a good professor was going to be a crucial factor in order to succeed in this class. That's the reason why I'm glad we had a fantastic professor. Mrs. Penner made this journey easier by having clear explanations for all of our complex questions, and by taking the time to make sure we understood every topic.

I'm glad I registered for this class, and I'm glad I was able to get good grades. Writing essays has always been challenging for me, but my perspective has changed after taking this class. Now I feel better prepared to move on in my major-related classes. I'm sure I will be using the skills that I obtained in this class. Thank you.