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Final Reflection

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As a reader and writer, I have learned quite a lot. When I signed up to this class, I thought we were going to be given various books to read and then assigned essay prompts to analyze them like high school. But what this course entailed was writing on what you wanted to write about within the topic discussed. For unit 1 we had the liberty to write a letter or speech to discuss our discourse community. I didn't even know what that was before taking this evening class. Giving us the ability to choose what to write about was both stressful and rewarding. I never had to think about what subject I was going to make my assignment on. My teachers in the past typically told me exactly what to write about and what type of specific content to find. After finally deciding what to write about it became clearer to me on what to say. This class helped me understand how to write a persuasive letter by looking at the ways different writers and speeches resonated with their audience.

I believe that I have changed and developed as a reader and writer this semester. I have learned how to better look for credible sources to incorporate into research papers. I have also learned how to go over my writing properly. With having different writing assignments, and constantly having to go over them it has made me able to catch more mistakes by the end of the semester. We have also read some amazing pieces. My favorite one from the semester would have to be "Mothers Tongue" by Amy Chan because of how relatable the short story was. I didn't even realize I was code switching till I read about it and paid attention to the way I talked. Another reading I enjoyed was Antigone. Even though it was hard to comprehend at first, by the

end I was resonating with Antigone and wanting justice for his brother. It was beautiful educational play.

I learned a lot in this class that I will use in the future. In my upcoming writing assignments, I feel like I will have better control in using my own voice better. It will enable me to clearly elaborate on my thoughts thoroughly and in an understanding way. With having to write about subject matters we were passionate about I was able to use what I really felt about them and incorporate it into the major writing assignments in this class. I can also better do research papers. In this class I learned how to better use the library tools City Tech offers to find reputable sources. I also got a refresher on how to do MLA citations. Because of the science courses I have taken, I would always use MLA.

The advice I would tell future students may sound cliché but it is to not procrastinate. Give yourself an earlier deadline than given so you have time to revise it and make it perfect. I wish I had more time to revise but I would always leave everything to last minute giving me only a one pass over of the assignment. But if you were to review your work a day or two after you may catch things you didn't catch before.

Overall, I am very thankful for having taken this class. I appreciate Professor Jessica Penner. She was always so patient with everyone and enjoyable during lectures. Every major assignment was always detailed on what was expected and when our grade was posted it explained how the points were earned.