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Final Reflection

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Coming here to the USA as an immigrant girl, English was big-time trouble. Starting from going to school, work, speaking English was harder than I expected. Back in our country we just used our mother tongue and English was just like a second language so we did not care much. As I was in school in USA, I started to follow along with what a typical English class would look like. Back in high school it would be just answering a few questions regarding this particular essay or paragraph or for the final exam, we would just write a narrative essay based on a certain topic. However, once I took ENG1101 in City Tech I started to notice the difference between high school vs college English classes. In college, the English class is much more standardized. I started off learning MLA citation in english1101. I learned APA style this semester. Professor Jessica was helpful enough to show us the step-by-step guide for APA citation. That's the major thing I was able to learn this semester.

What I learned about myself as a reader and writer are that there's still a lot of things that I need to learn. Until now I was just an ordinary writer but as the course approaches the end I believe I become a better version of myself yet there's more to learn. Before when I would read anything, I would just read it just to do my assignment. As I was in this English course and started doing different reading assignments I started to find out more about the purpose behind being a good reader. Good readers not only just read the assignment, but they also try to apply it

to real life and how it connects to us. Coming back to what I learned as a writer during this semester was the more you check your work and correct it, the better it gets. For example, this semester when we did the first draft, I noticed my writing wasn't that good or well set, after correcting it off and finishing it nicely for me the final draft made more sense. I have become a better version of myself in both ways, a writer and a reader. I have learned how to properly cite someone's work, not only how to MLA citation properly. Also, when we find a quote from a source on how to organize it by putting my thoughts and then how to wrap it up. As a reader, what I learned is how to connect characters in real life and how that makes it so easy for us to understand the concept. We did 3 types of writing assignments this whole semester. All of the writing assignments have taught me something different. It taught me how this one piece of concept connects to my own life, how different resources related to the topic can make us better writers, and many more.

For example, what I did in the Unit 1 assignment was write a speech on the most common issue my discourse community was facing and I chose depression. I chose speech over anything else because I love how it was like free writing where I can express whatever I wanted to speak about the topic of depression but in a more formal way. Then for the Unit 2 assignment, I did my own research on discrimination. I understood what proper research would look like and what is the standard way of connecting to the topic you chose. Last but not least Unit 3 project was how I would convince my audience about discrimination. The third project helped me a lot to become a good writer because I also learned another way which is to convince someone or something to make your proposal work. To conclude, English class this semester has made me a better version of myself in every way whether it is a good reader or a good writer. One advise

that I would like to give out to the upcoming students is always take advantage of the new things you being learned in class, not every professor are same and will help you when you need it.