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Final Reflection

Overall during this semester I enjoyed taking English classes online. I usually struggle with English classes and online classes in general. Online classes have usually been very difficult for me to focus and participate in. Now that the semester is coming to an end I noticed and reflected on what I learned in English class this semester. I believe English class this semester was very different compared to my other classes I have taken in the past semesters. This semester helped me gain comfortability and familiarity with using different writing styles. Being able to sign on to an open lab and read the agenda before every class gave me an opportunity to follow a routine that works for me. Furthermore, openlab also allowed me to always prepare myself before class. Another factor that helped me this semester was being able to participate in the chat instead of speaking out loud. This allowed and helped me convey my thoughts. I usually have trouble expressing myself and my thoughts out loud. I usually get anxious speaking in front of the class but being able to participate within the chat and read my fellow classmates' comments helped me be more engaged in class. This semester I have learned about myself as a reader and a writer that I work better when I plan everything out and under pressure. Having homework before the major assignment helped tremendously. Such as being able to plan our major assignment out and brainstorm our thoughts. In conclusion, keeping up with the agenda and homework helped us as we meet the developmental needs in order to paint the bigger picture such as major assignments.

This semester helped me develop as a writer and reader by gaining confidence. I gained confidence while sharing my work on a platform such as openlab where other students can read and give you feedback on your major assignments and drafts. It is very helpful when classmates give positive feedback. It allows us to absorb and take advice that's going to improve our work. Also being able to read my classmates' work and reflect on it. Having peer reviews in class has allowed me to reflect on my writing skills and what I need to improve. While reading my other classmates' work it gives me the ability to learn from my mistakes and what I can improve in my writing. This semester I learned more about annotated bibliographies, and MLA formatting. This was new to me and actually helped me prepare for my future assignment in my Dress Culture class this semester where I had to use MLA formatting for my final paper. The skills learned in this class will have a positive impact on my future writing assignments.

In English class this semester I learned how to write several different forms of writing such as our first major assignment which was the speech. When writing the speech I struggled to get my message and main ideas out. I also struggled to catch my audience's attention. It was my first time writing a speech and I felt as if I was missing the structure of my speech. Now while looking back at my first major assignment which was my speech I noticed how bland my speech is. Looking back at the semester I wish I could've taken time to reach out and receive feedback on how to improve my speech. I noticed that in my speech I made certain mistakes such as not addressing my audience directly. When writing a speech I would like to improve on how to address my audience as if I was actually talking to them directly and engaging them in my opinions and beliefs towards my topic. Another thing I learned in English class this semester is how persistent and determined I can be towards my work when I'm writing about something that catches my attention. Writing about child labor in my second major assignment was something I

really enjoyed. Being able to choose our own topic to research gives us an opportunity and ability to write about a topic that is interesting to us and express our reflection on our own individual, unique perspective on the chosen topic. Overall, this semester I have improved in my writing skills but need more practice.