

Throughout this semester I learned that I am a stronger writer than I thought. I know it sounds very basic and general but every time I do a writing course, I realize I learn so much useful information that really sticks to me and helps me write even better than I thought I could. I always enjoyed writing but I find that learning about how to write different types of writing such as annotated bibliography or pov writing, helps me figure out my style of writing. From this course we learned a lot and our professor did an amazing job at teaching it to us and having us understand it in our own way. I have a better sense of how to use a library to find evidence which is very beneficial when it comes to doing assignments for future classes.

Another key thing I learned that I didn't know how to properly do before was writing to a targeted audience. I feel like this has helped me write better because I know who exactly I'm writing to and what to talk about that can relate to that crowd. When we started this class and we did our unit 1 work which consisted of discourse communities, I was honestly very lost. I was lost because although I did my research on discourse communities and I looked at every definition in the book, I still didn't fully understand what it was and how was I going to write a whole essay about it. Our professor broke it down in a much simpler way and showed us multiple activities that really made me understand what a discourse community was. Since doing this assignment, it really helped me understand how to narrow down what I am writing so that it targets my specific audience. I can honestly say that unit 1's work was the work that I sort of used as an outline for the other units work mainly because it involved writing towards a certain audience. I feel like this is very beneficial because prior to taking this class I never focused on writing towards a targeted audience. I mainly focus on just getting all my ideas onto the page and explaining it as clear as I can. But after learning about writing towards someone, it really helped me highlight and navigate what I write and how I present it.

Some challenges that I have faced in this course would revolve around unit 2's work which was the social topics. I only found this unit very difficult for me because there were so many topics to choose from and the one that I chose is a very crucial and heavy topic for some people, and I didn't want to write any misinformation. I wanted to really learn and study this topic to the best of my ability before I write about it to my chosen targeted audience. But, after doing a lot of research on my topic which was police brutality against Black Americans, I learned so much more than I thought I knew and that ignited the drive for me too just write away all my thoughts and emotions on the topic for the essay. I can honestly say that I learned a ton in this class not only about myself and my writing but also about other important issues and ways to speak up on them.

Some advice that I would give to future students taking this class would be to be patient and open minded with yourself because you'll learn things about writing that you will naturally carry on forever. Another piece of advice would be to listen to the professor because she does an incredible job at making sure you understand what is being taught and that is important because you realize how it can help you become an even stronger writer.