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Final Reflection

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Overall, I have really enjoyed this semester in English 1121. It is my second semester doing online classes and I have found a routine that works for me. Although I have adjusted to zoom classes, I miss the in-person style of learning, especially in English classes. I have learned that I feel more engaged with in person learning because I have less distractions around me. Additionally, being in a classroom setting encourages more people to participate during discussions which I enjoy. I noticed that, in some of my classes, there are people who never participate or turn on their cameras which makes the class feel stagnant. However, I try my best to participate as much as I can to keep myself engaged.

I have always enjoyed writing as a hobby. It is a very therapeutic activity and allows people to clear their minds. I have enjoyed all the readings that have been assigned this semester. Although they different from one another, it is important to be exposed to a range of texts and writing styles. *Antigone* was a challenging text for me because of the old English that it is written in. Despite the play being from a different time, there are many similarities that can be drawn to modern society. When we watched *Antigone in Ferguson*, it became very clear the importance of this work. The emotions evicted from the actors made the play feel more powerful.

 One that I learned about myself as a writer is that I prefer creative writing over research papers. Although I understand the importance of knowing how to properly do research and site from academic papers, it is not something I enjoy doing. There were so many sources to site from that it was difficult to narrow down where I wanted to get my information from. I was not able to use any academic texts because the City Tech library is confusing to me. One thing that I would’ve done differently for this assignment is to read other research papers so that I have a clearer understanding on how to write one. It was a learning experience. I am now more aware of how much information is out there and to be careful where I get my information from.

In this class I have learned that to grow as a writer I need read more first. I did not do as much reading as I would’ve liked to outside of class. I think it is important to view writing and reading as a practice because it is something improves through repetition like working out a muscle. Additionally, creating a routine that enables you to get in the mindset to write is very crucial. I used to only write when I am in the mood to, which is good in the moment, but it doesn’t create lasting habits. I want to set a goal for myself to read one book a month in the new year. I wanted to revise my multimodal assignment but was not able to because of how busy I got towards the end of the semester. I could use more improvement in my time management skills.

In the future I want to continue exploring different genres of text because it opens new worlds. I also want to experiment with script writing because that is something I have always been interested in. All in all, I have enjoyed my time in ENG 1121 this semester with Professional Penner. I appreciated the thorough explanation of assignments and the patience for us to ask questions. I am eager to resume back to in person classes and continue to challenge myself.