

what i've learned about myself as a reader and a writer from the start of the semester compared to now, would be the fact that i could very easily be distracted about what i'm writing about and go off on different topics which results in me taking forever to finish an assignment, project, or research and it's important for me to take it one step at a time when it comes to this so i can get everything in order. Usually for me my mind goes racing to so many different ideas that I could do an assignment on, it got to a point where I would catch myself doing research on a topic I wasn't even going to write about. Now during this point of the semester I feel like I've developed a lot more skills of getting and staying on task about whatever topic i'm researching or writing about, learning in class to take each assignment one step at a time, we have peer review and we get feedback from our professor when we ask questions in our zoom meetings has helped tremendously, I feel way more organized with the task at hand. It feels to me that I have gotten better with getting my point across from my writing and day by day with the homework's and research's and the projects assigned. for example the discourse communities major assignment. We took it step by step in our lectures and the lessons were related to what we had to ultimately write about and it helped a lot. I remember in my first English class we had to write a paper on discourse community and it wasn't thoroughly explained in the lessons compared to how it was explained during this English class so it felt as though i wasn't able to focus on one thing to write about and that resulted in not as good of a grade that i wanted. But this semester I got an A- on the same kind of assignment, which I am very proud of. I've learned a lot about the topic of discourse and how to write an annotated bibliography in this class. Even though this was a topic that would be talked about during last year's English class, I feel like now I have a better understanding of its meaning and I can apply it to real life situations since everyone in somewhat or another is in some more discourse community which can vary from topic and person. But I came to find out that I have gained a lot more knowledge about the discourse community by discussing it with other students and posting about it on openlab. I have learned a lot of annotated bibliographies as well. Before this assignment I have only heard the name but have not done any work related to it. By the end of the due date i had completed my first annotated bibliography which required a lot of research but it was something i was passionate about which i also liked that we had the freedom to pick what social justices issue to work on it made me feel more connected to my writing and i enjoyed putting in all the time and effort. Because of this class and how great professor penner has taught it to use even through a computer screen i have a lot to take away from it that i can apply to my other assignments for other classes, i feel more confident in research and finding good articles for papers as well as being able to not stress myself out because i am able to highlight the main question in an assignment and get it done without side tracking or procrastinating so much. before this class i didn't have much of an opinion on a writing comp class but now that this semester is almost over i feel a lot more connected when i'm writing assignments and try to give it my 100%