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### **Final Reflection English 1121**

Going into this class I hadn't expected much. Coming from 1101 I figured it would be the same and be just as easy. However I was in a rude awakening. For one all the assignments and posts were on a completely different site. Rather than stuff being posted on blackboard which I anticipated it was on open lab, an entirely different site. Adjusting to it was challenging enough trying to navigate where to post where to find the agenda and my grades most importantly. I underestimated this class because it was English, a language I'm proficient in and something I've been taking for years. "How hard can this be"? I received my grade for my first assignment and was perplexed. "A fifty two impossible I followed the format did I not"? The same thing happened for the Unit two writing assignment and at this point I didn't even bother to get worked up over it because it's just a grade. Looking back from now I realized I never thoroughly read through the prompt which caused me to lose on points I could've gotten had I not been so careless. I would read through it once or twice then go tackle it head on which isn't the right approach considering what was at stake. Patience is a virtue and one I have yet to master but taking this class only further proved this fact. Rushing through things was always my strategy as it worked in the past but suddenly when I reached this class It was not and it reflected in my

grades. Now when I do a project I do multiple things before I open the document. I read through the prompt thoroughly. Make sure to understand exactly what's being asked of me. All assignments we got this semester had some sort of template and I chose to look at none of them because I was confident I knew exactly what to do already which was extremely foolish of me. Another thing that changed is I'm more likely to ask questions if I have any. Being quiet and reserved definitely hurt me more than I thought because questions I had would go unanswered simply because I didn't want to ask them. I'm self-conscious about public speech I hate when I speak and the entire class turns to me. It puts me on the spot and makes me very nervous. Another thing is I talk very fast which I've been told my whole life so speaking in front of people to see confused faces in cryptic language I spoke. Along with more factors public speaking has never been my strong suit but it's something I'm improving on and due to this I feel more confident to ask questions during class or through email. I'm more likely to email the professor or stay after class and ask whatever I need when there are no students around. The lesson I learned from this class is patience for one because writing isn't something that needs to be rushed or amazing on the first attempt. Making mistakes is all part of the writing process and life itself it only helps you improve yourself. Without mistakes there is no progress. But more importantly I learned to take all resources provided by the professor and use them to its maximum capacity. When revising my unit two I had the template open on another tab to look back and to make sure it's formatted correctly. To no one's surprise following the rules and format of an assignment earns you a good grade. After I looked at my grade I had an epiphany. How much time I could've saved had I just followed the format given to me. How much time I could've saved had I asked questions. I wouldn't have been in that position if I simply utilized resources that were available and asked questions. So moving forward without any hesitation if I

have a question I'll ask. If I see the professor posting something that will help me in an assignment I'll look over it. I definitely see improvement in myself as a writer and it shows in my grades. For the first draft I got a low grade because I didn't look at the format and didn't ask questions despite me having them. As I did my revision for Unit 2 I looked at the format and followed it exactly and got a passing grade. With all the knowledge of my past mistakes I utilized it for the Unit 3 assignment and aced it with flying colors. This class was a learning experience for myself and going forward I'll be sure to ask questions, take my time and as always follow the format given.