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Final Reflection

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I've learned that I've become a better writer in the past semester. I learned to become patient when it comes to my writing and coming up with ideas to write about. I've stressed too much about thinking of the perfect idea in the past. However, I now feel like the ideas flow easily instead of worrying about writing. I've also learned that I don't enjoy reading as much as I used to. The readings in this class weren't the most exciting things that I've had to read. But I know that most English classes are this way, so it makes sense. I believe my work stayed at the same level from the beginning of the semester. I started strongly with an 'A' on the project's discourse community unit. However, my grade for the annotated bibliography wasn't as successful, and I received a "B-." But, I did come back stronger for the unit three project with an "A-." So I managed to pick my work up and do stronger on the third than on the second project.

To further include, I wasn't always a strong writer, and it took me a long time to be confident with my writing. It wasn't until last semester that I took my first English class in college, which helped me rebuild my confidence in writing. At the same time, my professor understood that even though all the students reached college-level writing, our schools in the past haven't taught us how to write correctly. And in high school, the essay topics weren't the most interesting, but in English 1, we wrote about our own experiences, which helped me develop as a

writer. The projects were also about personal writings and topics we chose to write about this semester. Getting to decide what to write about allows the ideas to flow quickly, making me write better. I felt less stressed while completing this semester's assignments because of my confidence last year.

The confidence and skills that I've learned in the past year will help me out with my future classes and my future career. Even though I'm not necessarily going to write for a living, I know I will have significant assignments that need proper and robust writing. I assumed that I wouldn't be a great writer in college because of my experiences in high school. However, the grades I receive on my assignments say otherwise, and I seem to be doing quite well. I didn't expect this class to be much different from my English 1 class, and both classes had similarities. I did do an annotated bibliography in both classes. There were also a few readings that were the same in both classes. I've also learned that I prefer to write about personal things instead of doing research-related assignments because it's much easier to be the source than to look for the sources.

I would advise students to take this class just to take things easy because this class isn't challenging compared to the other classes college has to offer. This class definitely falls into the easy classes category. I would also tell them to have confidence in their writing and to believe that they're doing a great job. Even if any student struggles with their writing, most professors are more than happy to help students out with work, so don't be afraid or ashamed to ask for help. I would also tell them that the English 2 course is pretty much at the same level as the

English 1 course. It doesn't become more complex; it's just a continuation of the English 1 course.