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This semester I believe I've grown tremendously as both a reader and a writer. Previously, as a reader, there was no way that I would have read a book for more than 5 minutes if it wasn't mandatory by the school. Assigned readings are often really tedious and can seem really boring because of the simple fact that you have to read it or else. Your grades would be in jeopardy, and nobody wants a bad grade. School seems to have this toxic culture, especially with young kids, this culture makes the kids resent reading later in life, and I would know because I was one of those kids. My love for reading changed recently when I took this English class. This class taught me that books can be more than just a chore or an assignment. Now I find myself picking out books to read and finding what genres really interest me. I learned from my unit 2 work where I went to the library and picked up physical books for me to read, the topic that I chose really fascinated me and made me want to pursue the topic even more. I learned that reading isn't a chore when you are motivated and really interested in what you're reading. As a writer, I've also grown a ton. There was a time when I would either get all my work done for an assignment in an hour or not do it at all. I've now learned to take my time with my assignments to really show effort and passion in my work. If someone were to compare my essays from my last English class to now, it would be as if it was two different people. The difference in quality

is incredible, my previous work would seem like someone trying to complete an assignment. My work now seems as if someone was passionate enough to research their topic and wanted to spread it to the audience. My advice for future students taking this class would be to slow down and understand the topic of your choosing. Understanding your topic not only will it benefit you in this class but, will also help you outside of class. You may grow fond of your subject and want to learn further about it. During this time of reflecting I decided to revise my unit 2 work. When first submitted the work was incomplete and wasn't cohesive. Now with further revising it is a complete piece of work with an introduction, three full citations, and a conclusion. This speaks a lot about how my work was during unit 2. It was very incomplete, but as the semester went on I learned more about how to complete my assignments. Unit 2 has taught me the most about writing this semester. It's taught me to create my work to be more specific, aligning with my topic. Also, it gives me a passion to write about something I thoroughly researched. In many ways, Unit 2 is the unit that has taught me the most overall. Teaching me to care about a topic so much, want to research more, find different books, videos, articles, and many more. At the same time, because it was so challenging for me at the beginning, that is the reason it stuck with me so much. Teaching me to not only be a better English student but, a better student in general. I can carry on this passion for research even to my architecture field, research more about my area and the people surrounding it.