

As the semester comes to an end I have learned more about myself as a reader and writer and developed new skills as well. For me writing was used as a tool to create fictional pieces or to communicate my thoughts. My goal in every English class is to improve my ability to better express myself and to be more thoughtful in my writing. As someone who wants to work as a social media manager in the future it's important to be able to communicate properly to consumers. While creativity is important this course has taught me to improve my writing when it comes to serious topics. It has allowed me to better express beliefs and to present information that can help educate others that are new to the topic. While looking for this information I also realized that digesting academic papers were a difficult task for me. They were either too long or repetitive, so while I researched I began to annotate in the sidelines of essays to make it easier to breakdown for me. Researching isn't a new task for me but researching about a topic I'm passionate about for class is a rare thing. I think because food insecurity is such an important topic for me I found researching less of a chore and something I was excited about.

Before this class I always stuck to fictional and creative pieces and didn't work to strengthen my non-fictional writing. Informative writing has always been my least favorite genre to write because I have found it boring and lacking in creativity. This class has taught me different formats and ways to present my information that isn't just a typical essay format. For example, to present my information about food insecurity I did so in an annotated bibliography and a slideshow with a transcript. The annotated bibliography assignment was my favorite because I got the chance to research something I was passionate about. It allowed me to clearly state my topic and break it down for readers to better understand. I've noticed that my research skills have vastly improved and in doing so so has my informative writing. In my 1101 English class we did touch on research and learned how to do so but this course made me hone in that skill. I was able to narrow down sites that I could rely on to give me specific information I needed so in the future researching won't be a hassle or too time consuming. I find more political publications and academic writing easier to breakdown which in turn make it easier to understand.

As I continue college there are many skills that will transfer over to the semesters to come. The improvement in my research skill will help cut back on time for future informative pieces. While I still have many things to improve on such as my repetitiveness, this class made me aware of it and will help me minimize it in the future. I have found myself being able to better annotate and breakdown higher level academic papers as well. Not only will these skills continue to help me for the duration of college career but it will transfer over to my future career. As previously mentioned I want to work in social media, I want to clearly express myself and advertise in a way that's concise and captivating. I hope my improvement in professionalism in my writing will also come in handy when speaking to co-workers and clients. This course has taught me how to improve my writing and reading skills in the classroom and out. I hope to continue honing in the skills I have acquired.