

Creative Writing
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Final Portfolio

“Let Patience Define your Success”



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Final Reflection

Due to the pandemic (COVID-19), all educational resources across the world have resulted in the shift towards online classes. My online learning experience is completely different than what I was used to doing in the physical classroom. No doubts online classes are a good method of teaching. I think from now on, I prefer online classes to physical classes because they're so convenient. This is my last year attending college, I'm so excited about what I have accomplished throughout the time, as the second last semester I have decided to register for an elective class for e-learning.

In addition, I decided to register for this class, I thought it would just be about writing and reading boring lectures. Although the professor Jessica Penner told us that this class would be the opposite of what we were thinking of. I never taught that online writing would be so much fun!.

Moreover, Creative Writing has helped me develop my full potential in my writing skills. I have learned that I can be creative in writing and that many of the times are fun to make our pieces humorous and interesting. During this semester Spring 2021, I have discovered myself and my path towards my writing skills. Throughout this semester I have also found out my strengths which I believe is creating personal stories. Not only that, but I have also accepted my weaknesses into my pieces.

Along with this, I have learned an important key about learning and understanding creative pieces, from a variety of difficulty from easy to complicated, like Shakespeare pieces. Likewise, I have learned that reading is as important as writing. Writings can have the smallest details but

they can mean something very important in a writing piece. Reading exposes us to other styles, other voices, other forms, and other genres of writing. Importantly, it exposes us to writing that's better than our own and helps us to improve. Reading, good or bad, inspires you to keep writing.

As well, I have compared and contrast my pieces from earlier. I have seen lots of changes from my mood to writing. Wow! That's incredible, I hope to keep these skills within me and I hope to maintain using this new creativity I've learned with professor Jessica Penner. Not only that but the help of my fellow classmates including the people in my cohort has fully help me developed my writing by their feedbacks, comments, and even how we discuss some topics every Thursday in-class time.

In the same way, some of the challenges I have faced throughout this semester were the only issue I didn't understand how OpenLab worked for the first three weeks. But after addressing it to the professor, she rapidly set a private meeting and address me into helping me with my issue. Professor Penner has taught the ways of the open lab and she has also told me how to look for the assignments, announcements, and how to even submit my work. Since, that day I have adapted to this new concept, in this matter virtual online classes.

For example, one of my classmates commented on one of my poems, she states "I really like the poem *Shades of colors* it was simple yet powerful, it sounds as though the poet is expressing a sense of proudness for the skin that he's in and that's the very important concept" thank you, Yasmine, for this amazing comment. You've made me notice how grateful I can become when it

comes to writing. What point out was how short the poem was, but the poem “shades of colors” stands out powerful teaching.

In addition, I’ve enjoyed revising my classmate’s work. It’s such an amazing experience. It has helped everyone in different ways. Revising other’s people work doesn’t always mean giving bad statements or reviews. It’s all about giving back feedback: What should you improve on? What are you addressing? And such questions and suggestions like that. Revising and editing allow us to examine two important aspects of our writing. When you revise, you take a second look at your ideas. You convert your writing into a polished, mature piece of writing resulting in the end product of your best efforts. Not only that but the professor herself gave us feedback on our writing. What inspired me to start writing more, was professor Jessica Penner’s comment on my recent poems. Professor told me that my pieces were so nice! And that they were a simple language that shares pretty complex ideas, and that it was very difficult to accomplish that. Wow! That made me feel some type of way that I’ve accomplished something that became my writing piece “Shades of colors,” following up with the poem lines “we carry soil in small bags: my home never fades from our hearts and memory.”

Beyond, I’m glad I chose to take this class although it was not a requirement for my career path, it for sure taught me, new ways to express myself verbally and in my writing. Hopefully, these amazing lessons will develop more my speeches for public speaking. I would one hundred percent recommend this class to anyone, you will end up writing more than usual.

Memoir

Meet my Desktop

This is my PC, I regularly used it for work and college. Not only that, but I also use it to create many interesting projects for work or myself. Also, I used this PC to play games like Call of Duty in my free time.

Some of the projects I tend to create are based on Marketing, like promoting, creating content, or just writing my thoughts about how I should persuade my ideas. It will help me develop more my skills in Marketing, on how to promote, how to influence others about a product or service. For example, Who would my target audience, if I'm talking to someone into getting a high definition computer. My Target market would be Teenagers, People who loved Computers in general, Gaming people, College Students, Office Employees, everyone in general.

To persuade this path of Career, I need to start developing ideas and methods, and this is the reason I love my desktop, for the services it can give me. My computer has the latest components (parts) like GEFORCE RTX (Graphics Card). Which is one of the components that help me the most, when creating content.

Short Story

Short Story 2

At the end of the year 2020, the last month, I have decided to make the biggest decision of my life. It was December 30, 2020, around 4:00 pm, I had taken the train to West 4 to a tattoo place called “6 Skulls Tattoo,” located at 329 6th Ave, New York, NY 10014.

I was 20 years old when I received my first tattoo, It was quite small and not painful at all, this tattoo was unplanned. After the first one, I felt that I had to get another one. The next one was extremely big, it is half my sleeve. Now my style of tattoos is only black ink. I'm not a person of color tattoos, not a big fan.

Since the first tattoo, I haven't changed my tattoo artist. His name is Fercho, You can always find him on Instagram by @fercho.ink, I believe he has changed locations to queens. His new shop is named “Inkstinct NYC” located at 43-04 30th Ave. If anyone would like to pursue the art of tattoos, I would recommend you Fercho, an incredibly talented person with amazing skills. And there's more to come! with my tattoo artist Fercho.

Poem

“Shades of colors”

If I could wake up this morning

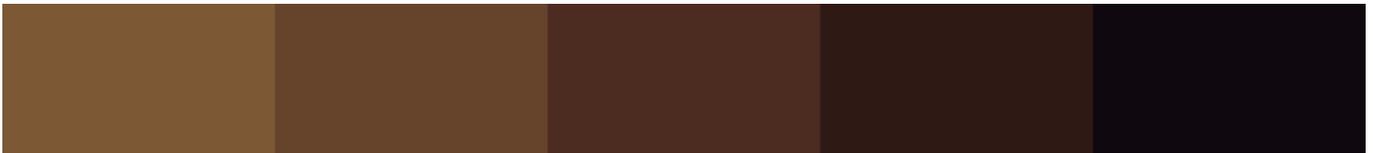
I see five shades of brown

I am the shade of brown

No other feeling can be given when it is worn

Shades of Brown are beautiful

Shades of brown are equal



Dialogue

Dialogue #1

[Dogecoin almost hit .70 cents per share]

Junior: Hey bro, Check Robinhood... Hurry!

[Jeffrey gets a notification from iMessage Junior. 5 minutes later Jeffrey checks his phone in a hurry and sees that Dogecoin is about to hit .70 cents]

Jeffrey: That's great bro, I should buy more shares.

[Jeffrey regrets not buying more shares at a lower price]

Junior: Did I told you I have over 4,000 shares in Dogecoin, Should I buy more?

Jeffrey: No! don't risk that much...

[30 min. later Dogecoin dropped up to .30 cents per share]

Junior: Wow! great thing you have advised me not to risk that much.

Journals

Journal #2

One time, I'll probably felt like anonymously was when came back from Mexico. Since I was born here in the US. But, I left when I was around three years old. Then, I came back when I was six years old. Where I was registered to the elementary school, P.S. 128M.

I came back without knowing any English, my only language was Spanish. Most of the kids in this elementary school spoke English. So, since I had no other option than to learn English. At some points in my childhood, I felt left out since I couldn't speak the same language as the others. In other terms, I felted anonymously, I felted that my opinions didn't matter. But a bit by bit, I started to learn this complicated language in my mind, What makes English complicated? What makes English so difficult to learn is grammatical patterns—English has several unusual grammatical patterns and sentence-level patterns.

Journal #5

I will be talking about the first time, I felt alone. I was about to turn 19 years old when I have felted alone, even though I had my parents living under the same roof as me. The time I felt alone was when I had the news that my grandparents have lost their lives. They were everything to me, and usually, I only saw them, while I had vacation due that they lived in Mexico, 45 hours from NYC.

The day, I felted so depressed that I couldn't even believe if I was dreaming or if it was real! Since that day, I learned that we should appreciate our loved ones always because we never know if we will wake up again. Sometimes life isn't anything, it's just a cycle.