

PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT #1

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AVOIDING PLAGIARISM & DOCUMENTING SOURCES

1 : What was the name of your professional development seminar ? From whom taught the seminar? What was the seminar about overall ?

: The name of the professional seminar that I attended was called Avoiding Plagiarism & Documenting Sources. This seminar was taught by Iris Strangmann & Weiheng Sun both who are writing fellows at the New York City College Of Technology. This seminar consisted of teaching students ways to best prevent plagiarism mainly through their writing skills. We learned about some of the common reasons why plagiarism occurs and learned some of those consist of reasons such as Time Management, Lack of confidence using sources, Poor paraphrasing, as well as improper citations. We also discussed different solutions to plagiarism such as learning to improve in Paraphrasing, as well as to learn how to Properly cite sources. Plagiarism as discussed at the seminar is something that affects a lot of students now a days. With proper citation, references to images and writing, students on average can become extremely advanced in their writing skills.

2 : What did you actually learn in this seminar? What was the time duration? What were the activities?

: Some of the different things I have learned while at the seminar was The 4 Rs of paraphrasing which were Read the original passage until you fully understand it, Restate the important points in your own voice, Recheck your version with the original, and Repair any misinformation in your version. I learned that plagiarism is the act of presenting another person's ideas, research, or writings as your own. I learned a few examples of plagiarism from the seminar which included Copying another person's words or images without the use of quotation marks, also Presenting another person's ideas or theories in your own words without acknowledging the source. One thing I also learned that I had trouble with in my writing skills was how to properly cite, we learned that there are three main things to know when citing. The first was to understand the three citing styles which were MLA, APA, and Chicago. The type of sources affects the type of citing as stated in the powerpoint. Your citation always has two parts, In the text body referred to as in text citations, as well as at the end of the essay referred to as a reference

page listing all your references. They brought up Citing your work is truly important because as a writer if you use a picture or statement you must reference it as it was used by someone else. This was really informative and I got to see the mistakes I make when writing. Now that I know what my mistakes are I can work on it when writing. The time duration of this seminar has taken place on November 18th, 2021 from 1:00 PM – 2:00 Eastern Time and had a duration of one hour. Some of the awesome activities I got to be apart of during the seminar was learning tactics and ways to avoid plagiarism, and to be quite honest when learning about plagiarism you realize the mistakes you make when writing are silly and can be easily prevented. We also spoke about various scenarios of plagiarism and as a class we got to engage as a whole and figure out which scenarios were plagiarism and which werent.

3 : How does this professional development seminar assist in your career? Would you Recommend it to other students?

Being a College student soon to be a graduate while having advanced writing skills Is extremely important for not just your own wellbeing but also for your career ahead. When getting into the workforce the basic aspects that recruiters look for is for the employer to have both advanced reading and writing skills. While being a college student at New York City College Of Technology my goal was to become a better reader as well as writer. Starting College I wasnt the best at writing and often times had trouble citing as well as referencing where I got my information from with often lead to a decrease in grades due to plagiarism. Taking this seminar is something I really enjoyed being apart of because it wouldnt just help me excel in my classes, but it would also train me for the real world after college. It taught me the basics on what to look out for when writing a paper to avoid any sort of plagiarism. Im glad I took this seminar because it is something that will help me become a better writer. In the workforce plagiarism shouldnt happen as they expect those coming with a degree to have already excelled in there writing skills. It helped me understand how plagiarism works, what to look out for when writing, as well as learn the best ways to avoid It when being a writer. I definetely suggest taking this plagiarism seminar because we are all students that all sometimes make mistakes with our writing, and this semiar will teach you ways to get better at writing in ways where plagiarism is avoided. Me being someone who has had trouble with writing, being apart of this made me more informative as well as more confident in my writing skills. So definetely if your a college student I highly recommend this seminar for not only fixing your writing skills, but to also get you ready for the workforce after you graduate. None of us are perfect writers and we all have room for improvement so lets all get together and participate in this detailed and informative seminar.

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