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*“My Journey”*

*My journey as a student since I started my education until today, is man who is a person who is trying to complete his education under many pressures. Since I was kid keeping up to stay in school was hard to me. In my childhood the reason behind that was fear. My parents supported and helped me to continue my education until I graduated from high school. When I came to New York City and wanted to be in college, it was harder than I thought. Having a job when I study is the hardest thing I have faced in my life because it is interrupting to me. My challenges are the language and managing my time for work and study. Even though it is hard to me to work and study, I still fight and work a lot on my education to get the job that I always dream about. I want to pay back all the favors to everyone helped and supported me. My journey continues, and in this semester, I have four classes. English 1121 class was a challenge for me and helpful. I have learned a lot in this class, and my English became better than before.*

*UNITE 1*

*We started with unite one which was not hard as a beginning. Unite one assignment were a little bit challenge, such as writing without using (The) or words without specific letters, because my vocabulary is weak. After my first try to write in that way, I learned who to use and find different vocabulary that have the same meanings and use them on any sentence. That also helped me to remember more vocabulary.*

Assignment example:

**Fear and Cure:**

When it is the time to be in front of the others (audience) and all attention to me, then that will be fearful to me. Insects, their weird skin is nauseous and scare me too not all of them but most of them.

In case I overcome my panic, I imagine my presence in every scene of my fears.

**Freedom Essay:**

“It is Impossible to Lose Hope”

“I wish I could do what others do.” This is perhaps would be the saying of a person who is being under control or restrained, which give a disappointing impression and loneliness. Who does not want freedom in life? Neither human nor animal shall give up their freedom. Each one of us is looking for liberty, starts from an individual and ends with a whole territory. Over time human fights for freedom and still today. Freedom also can be found in all areas of life such as work, education, relationship, etc. It keeps human live as well as breathing keep human organs functioning. People may face circumstances in life that dispossess their freedom and trying to recover it perhaps it will be difficult and sometimes impossible.

I am 23 years old, I was born and raised in Yemen. I emigrated to New York City in 2015, to live with my family that migrated since long time ago. During my life back home, I lived a happy life. My childhood was humor and full of happiness. As well as in my teenage my life was welfare, and no one can force me to do something. Play, sleep, and wake up whenever I wanted. Back home I had no responsibilities, all I cared about was just my education and never know what the future holds for me. Days passed and just after I finished my first year in college, the time of leaving for New York City came then I became here where I am today. Even though I faced the culture shock, still my first three months in New York City were joyful. After the third month, I began to regret wasting my education’s time and things changed since that moment.

On July 2015, I got my first ever job. All what I had of fun in my life vanished since that date. My uncle offered me a job in a supermarket as a cashier where he was working too. Twelve hours a day seven days a week, my job’s schedule. Standing in narrow place for hours, full of stuff, details and cannot even leave that spot made me feel like a wild animal in a cage. I needed to know and realized all grocery’s prices in the supermarket which were my challenge. Time was passing slowly during working hours and coworkers can see in my face the carving to finish work. My first year seemed to me like I was in prison. Wake up in morning, go to work for twelve hours a day then go back home without enjoying my little free time, I was going straight up to my bed. During that year my mind was in case of shock and my body was exhausted. There was no moment passed without thinking how my life transferred from the joyful and happiness moments to a tiredness and depression moments. All the stresses, remorse, and frustration keep coming to my mind when I think about my education. When a prisoner meets his visitors, he can see the freedom and out world in their eyes and his only wish is to leave with them. Just like that prisoner, when I was serving my customers and friends, I was seeing how they are free to move around and wondering when my life will come back like theirs. Even though it was twelve hours a day of work, seeing those people free around me caused my craving to be free as well as them.

I never give up of thinking about a solution to end this misery. In the second year, I found out what will free me of this place. I collected all my documents and registered for the City University of New York. The hope was just born in my life, but then I was rejected even for my second time of trying. That drove me to a world full of defeat. I still feel myself as a prisoner. A prisoner who was about to have a deliverance, but then it delayed. The frustration filled my life and working for long hours and see friends going to college or just free, made it even worst. I still remember what my mother told me, “No matter how long the night, the sun will shine, and the new day will come.” With more patient I tried for the third time to register for college, and after month I received an email of acceptance from New York City College of Technology. That was the only reason will make me leave that work. I showed my boss the agreement of the college and then finally I became free.

In brief, nothing can be stronger than the craving to be free. People may find themselves surrounded by things which prevent them from what they want, or instance, that could be a job, traditions, and habits in their life. Everyone should follow his/her heart and fight for freedom in all its shapes. Life is about dedication, no matter how hard your situation is or where you are coming from, if you real want to achieve something in your life, you can do it no matter what is long as you stay dedicated.

*UNITE 2*

 *In this unite what I considered it as the most challenge unite in this English class. The Genre topic was not simple enough to understand and using it. The assignment of choosing a skill we have and write a recipe about it, were the fun part for me in this unite. After that I was confused about picking up a genre and switch my writing about my skill to the form and style of that genre. I picked up to genres first was Biography then Writing Letters and switched the writing about my skill to these two forms of genres. Therefore, after many explanations and writings, I got it and I decided to hold with Writing Letters genre. Unite two was a point of change to me because it showed me something I see and read it every day, which is the genre and how writing have a different genre. I learned how I can write in different ways for example, writing an excuse letter, biography, fiction and recipe. Your help was useful to let this unite easy enough to understand.*

Assignment examples:

**Recipe:**

PLAYING SOCCER.

Requirements:

1. Shoes.

2. Uniform (shirts, shorts and socks).

3. Soccer ball.

4. Place/Field.

5. Water bottle.

6. Warming up.

7. Two cards (yellow and red).

Instructions:

1. Playing as two teams against each other.

2. Playing in two 45-minute halves.

3. Kick Off: To start the game or the second half, and after each goal, a kick off is taken from the center circle.

4. Score goals as much as you can to win the game.

Skills needed:

1. Passing.

2. Dribbling.

3. Controlling.

4. Heading.

Notes:

\* Do not play roughly.

\* Avoid touching the ball with hands (except the Goalkeeper).

\* Avoid getting a Yellow or Red Card.

Benefits:

\* Builds fitness.

\* Builds strength and flexibility.

\* Increases muscle and bone strength.

\* Improved health.

\* Increases aerobic capacity and cardiovascular health.

\* Win trophies.

**My genre:**

My genre writing is an excuse letter format. In this genre the writing will be to yourself or someone else. This writing is a personal writing and less formal. The purpose of this genre in general is to request an absence from work/school/practice or any other mission. The impacting community of this genre is by help the reader get the necessary

information efficiently and with respect to the reader’s attention. The language and vocabulary terms will be used in this genre are polite and showing a respect to the reader.

**Switch of genre:**

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Dear coach Armas,

 I know we are scheduled for a team practice the next Thursday, but my religious holiday

(Ramadan) will be at the same day. Ramadan is considered the holiest month of the year for Muslims. In Ramadan, Muslims fast from food and drink during the sunlit hours as a means of learning self-control, gratitude, and compassion for those less fortunate. Ramadan is a month of intense spiritual rejuvenation with a heightened focus on devotion, during which Muslims spend extra time reading the Qur’an and performing special prayers.

 Due to my religious beliefs, unfortunately I will have to cancel this time. I know the timing is difficult and cannot underestimate the importance I place on team practice, but this holiday is very important to my family.

I hope you understand and allow me to miss this one day.

Please let me know if I can provide any further information.

Hopefully permission will be granted, and I can enjoy my religious holiday.

With thanks for your time and best wishes.

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*UINTE 3*

*In unite three as it was related to the genre writing, it was a little hard. In the beginning of this unite, I was confused about its assignment, I did not know what it was required from me to do. After I spoke to the you, I understood what to do. I did a research about my skill (playing soccer) and then I did the analysis of that research. It was challenging for me to do this kind of research, but then when I worked on it, I found it interesting and getting easier. I also wrote an excuse letter, which taught me the rules about making letters and make them official. This unite was important for me just like the other unites.*

Assignment example:

**The explaining of my research paper:**

Before creating my research, I felt that it’s important to open further discussion and analysis of soccer world. Some people they do not know about soccer in terms of its advantages and disadvantages. I felt that it will be helpful to know why this kind of sport is the most popular in world.

I started to discuss about the benefits of soccer and classified them to three majors’ benefits. Those three majors’ benefits are, health and wealth benefits, soccer benefits to the audience and benefits of soccer to society. By mentioning those benefits, it will help those people who have a lack of knowledge about soccer, to know why so many people in different countries have this sport and even consider as a part of their culture.

Subsequently I discussed about the disadvantages of soccer. Those disadvantages were about players, audience and society. Just like the advantages of soccer it is important to know about its disadvantages. By knowing that, it will clarify the reasons about why so many people do not interest in soccer.

Due to the importance of this of this sport (soccer), I liked to discuss and clarified it to others who do not know soccer. I also wanted to grab their attention to this sport or even enjoy watching or playing it.

In this research paper I used several sources to support my knowledge and my discussion. They were helpful for this discussion because in each one them, there is a lot of information and studies that determined either the benefits or the negatives of soccer.

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*UNITE 4*

*Since this unit is still about my skill and all I need is just switch it to a digital genre, I found it easy to do. I also enjoyed doing that assignment because it turned my research paper to a video which helped me more to understand a lot about the genre topic.*

Assignment example:

**Multi-Modal:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Pz8-GZBI3M&feature=youtu.be>

I collected different videos from YouTube, also created descriptions and fixed them all together in one video to match my research topic and main point of it.

*Dear Professor,*

*Thank you for your insight. For your encouragement. And for your humor. Thanks for being patient with me. I understood and learned a lot of new things from you. I do hope we stay in touch. I might write to ask for advice now and again.*

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