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## Final Portfolio

### Unit 1 Assignment

*After reading the feedback from Professor Stone and my classmates, I had some changes to make to my writing. Professor Stone pointed out that I should add more details to my narrative to make it more personal and immerse the reader into my story. I did just this and added details that I didn't have before like the company I worked for, what they do, and ways that my teacher Mr. Cannizzaro prepared me for the interview. My classmate Rafiu told me to add more about the benefits that I got out of the internship and why others should look into trying to get an internship. I decided not to add this because I think that it would have been unnecessary, and also would have taken away from my overall message about the importance of teachers, and the education system.*

### Cannizzaro's Commitment

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think of Education? Do you think of school? Do you think of learning? Do you think of studying? Well, the first thing I think of are the teachers. Teachers play an important role in education. They shape the way you think and act.

In an ideal world, teachers would be the entire education system. Without them there is no education.

High School is where I started to really appreciate teachers. Instead of treating you like kids/children, they treat you like adults. One of my High School teachers comes to mind when I think of this. My Software Engineering teacher Mr.Cannizzaro. He was the best teacher I have ever had. The way we learned in that class was different from normal classes. He made going to class enjoyable.

Every day, I would walk into the classroom early in the morning and feel the cool breeze from the window. I sat right next to the window, so it was always nice and chilly in the morning. Mr.Cannizzaro would then give us a few minutes to get settled in and then we would talk about events happening in real life. These included political events, school events, new video games being announced, sports, and basically anything he felt was important for his students to know. Most teachers do not do this and only stick to the curriculum. However, Mr.Cannizzaro felt that this was important. I felt the same exact way. It allowed us to establish a connection so that when we learned we enjoyed it. I did not mind learning at all. This made me excited to come to school everyday. I came to school looking forward to this class.

A little less than a year ago, my friend and I stayed late in our Software Engineering class to finish our project. This was pretty normal as we would often stay after class to just chill with Mr.Cannizzaro and talk about video games and life in general. But this time was different. He had come up to us and asked if we wanted to be a part of an internship in the city during the summer. It was a paying internship where we would also get the experience of working in a job similar to one we would get if we stayed in the Software Engineering career path. I thought to

myself, who wouldn't take this opportunity? So, of course we both said yes.

The company was called NYCEDC(New York City Economic Development Corporation). Basically, the department I would be working in would be making maps of New York City that told everyone the address, lot, zip code of the building, and if a company occupied it. It was like google maps for businesses. Mr.Cannizzaro wanted us to prepare for the interview and make sure we would ace it to secure the internships. Everyday we would stay after class and work on our resumes. We added as much as we could to make our resumes look incredible. He would also ask us questions that we might hear during the interview. These questions were mostly about coding and the different languages we used. Mr.Cannizzaro wanted us to make sure that we knew everything about what we put down on our resume. We went over everything we learned with him. After going over questions for weeks, we knew the answers to them like they were the back of our hands. Mr.Cannizzaro gave us the confidence that we were going to secure this internship with all of this practice. Keep in mind that Mr.Cannizzaro did not have to do this. He took time out of his day to help us prepare.

Fast forward a few months, it was time for the interview. All of this time my friend and I have been preparing for this moment. Mr.Cannizzaro did more mock interviews with us to get us used to the other type of questions that could be asked, and how it felt to do an actual interview. I felt prepared but also very very nervous. It was my first time being interviewed. After school ended that day I walked straight to the ferry and took it to Manhattan. I remember sitting on the ferry going over my resume and sample questions that might be asked. As I made my way onto the 1 train my hands began to sweat. My nerves were kicking into overdrive. I saw the sweat from my hands transfer onto the paper. I thought to myself, "I have to calm down". I sat on the

train taking deep breaths until I finally calmed myself down. Then I heard the “Ding” and I arrived at my stop.

After walking a few blocks I went into the building and took the elevator to the 14th floor. I checked in and went straight into the interview. As soon as it began, all of my nerves went away. I felt so comfortable, as if I had already done this before. The questions they asked me were very similar to the ones Mr.Cannizzaro prepared us for. They asked me questions like “What coding languages do you know?”, and “Why do you want this internship?”. There was not one question they asked me that I did not know the answer to. All of the practice with Mr.Cannizzaro had paid off. I came out of the interview feeling confident that I would be chosen.

After a few weeks, I received an email from the company. It said that I was chosen for the internship. I was excited and thrilled, but most importantly relieved. I then texted my friend and he told me that he was selected as well. I thought to myself “This was crazy”. Out of all the candidates that were chosen to be interviewed, my friend and I were the two that were picked. This goes to show that teachers deserve more credit than they are given. Mr.Cannizzaro not only helped my friend and I get internships, but he also got everyone in class to pass the AP Computer Science Principles exam. That exam is no joke, it is very difficult. Mr.Cannizzaro did not teach us exactly like the “Education System” said he should, he taught us even better.

Thinking back on Mr.Cannizzaro and all he did for us, I’ve come to the conclusion that it is time for a change to the Education System, a system that only cares about the grades you get and not about the students. This is not how it should be. When students feel that a teacher cares for them and makes learning fun and different, they prosper. Students actually want to come to school when it is like this. It doesn’t feel like a long exhausting chore. Education is a lot more

important than people think. Having an education allows for people to get high-paying jobs. With these jobs, they will then be able to make money to provide for their family. Without it, life will be a lot harder. Changing the Education System will affect both communities and society as a whole. Less kids will drop out, and more will have a brighter future ahead of them.

My internship at NYCEDC turned out to be one of the best experiences in my life. It allowed me to see first hand what a job is like in the Software Engineering field. I was also able to learn new skills in Software and Hardware that I will be able to use in College. Along with these new skills, came new friends. My boss even wrote me a letter of recommendation that helped me get into all of the colleges I applied to. She also said that they would like for me to apply for a full time job in their business once I graduate College. This crazy journey was only made possible because of my teacher Mr.Cannizzaro. He treated me like an adult, actually cared for his students, and did not just teach the way the “Education System” wanted him to. I hope that there will be many other teachers that change their way of teaching like him in the future.

## Unit 2 Assignment

*After looking at the feedback from Professor Stone, I only really had one thing to change. This was the way I formatted my citation of the sources. I did not left-justify the first line and indent all following lines as you are supposed to in the MLA format. I fixed this mistake I had so that my citations properly fit the MLA format thus allowing readers to get a better understanding of where to find my sources.*

## Introduction

I plan to investigate the following questions, “What is Artificial Intelligence? What are the most recent trends in Artificial Intelligence and what consequences will the implementation of these types of AI have on individuals, the economy, the workplace, and society as a whole?”. I got interested in the field of Artificial Intelligence after talking about it in my Software Engineering class in High School. It has always piqued my interest after that because there are so many possibilities that can come with the advancements of Artificial Intelligence. I also think it is really cool how people are able to develop robots, cars, and machines that can do pretty much anything on their own. Artificial Intelligence is going to be the future of the world, and I feel like it is important to learn about it now. In City Tech, my major is in Computer Engineering Technology. I will be dealing with making these machines and programming them to do specific tasks that are similar to AI. I hope that learning more about this topic now will further help me in my studies of Computer Engineering Technology. In my research, I expect to find that AI will

come with some positive benefits in certain ways, but ultimately will affect too many people's jobs and ways of income. This would lead to a decrease in the economy and the amount of jobs available for people to take. Unless AI can create as many jobs as it will displace, or more, then I do not believe that AI will prove to be beneficial to society as a whole. If I find something that doesn't fit my hypothesis, I will analyze the information and explain whether or not my hypothesis has been proven correct or not. Some new information that I will discover can also change my hypothesis, and the way I think AI will affect the world.

### Source Entry 1

Gherheş, Vasile. "Artificial Intelligence: Perception, Expectations, Hopes and Benefits."

*EBSCOhost*, 2018,

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The "Artificial Intelligence: Perception, expectations, hopes and benefits" is an article written by Vasile Gherheş. Gherheş responds to sources and talks about the overall impact Artificial Intelligence will have on humans, the workplace and the economy. He also shines light on the benefits and disadvantages that will come with the advancements and implementation of

Artificial Intelligence in jobs and products. Gherheş believes that the real motive behind implementing AI is to make life and work easier. He also believes that there are many different scenarios that can come with Artificial Intelligence. To narrow this down, Gherheş conducted a survey with 928 students in the field of humanities and technical studies (48.2% males and 51.8% females). He asked them questions that dealt with different scenarios with Artificial Intelligence that can possibly happen in the future. Most of the results came back positive with AI being more beneficial. More specifically, the students believe that more devices will have AI in the future, more intelligent robots will be constructed, and that new jobs will surface.

After reading Gherheş' article, my opinion of Artificial Intelligence has slightly changed. With his analysis of sources and research, Gherheş has swayed me a little bit towards believing that AI will have more of a positive impact on the world. He mentions that a lot of scenarios where AI is discussed, more people tend to talk about the negative rather than the positive. I believe this to be true also. After stating some of the common fears that consumers have presented, some being, the loss of jobs and AI taking over and destroying mankind, Gherheş talks about the benefits of AI. Gherheş states, "The field of artificial intelligence can generate concrete benefits in the future. From the analysis of all the answers, the scenario considered to be most likely to happen in the future is the one that, with the development of devices endowed with AI, sophisticated robots will be built (almost 90% of respondents agree with this opinion). Another aspect seen by the subjects included in the study as highly likely to happen in the future is that new jobs will emerge..." (Pg.10). In other words, based on the survey he conducted, there



were overwhelmingly positive results. Gherheş highlights that AI will allow for sophisticated robots to be built. This will lead to humans getting assistance in their jobs, thus, making life easier. However, these robots might also take away some of the jobs from humans. Based on the research, that doesn't even matter. Further into the paragraph on pg.10, Gherheş talks about how AI “will also lead to the creation of new jobs, to the emergence of new trades.”

I can't deny that new jobs and trades will surface, but, this is where I am weary. Will these new jobs and trade outweigh the jobs lost from implementing AI? I would like to look more into what specific jobs and trades will surface and how many spots will open up for people to take. If there are new jobs, but not enough to outways the amount of jobs lost, then AI will most definitely be a disadvantage.

### Quotes

- Pg.3: “From the Eurobarometer: Attitudes towards the impact of digitisation and automation on daily life (n.d.), it turns out that more than two-thirds of respondents (68%) agree that robots and artificial intelligence are good for society because they help people do their job or fulfill daily tasks at home.”
- Pg.11: “Even though the emergence and development of AI is often seen as a real danger to private life and jobs, the real purpose of artificial intelligence is to make our work more efficient, make our lives easier and solve many of the problems which the society, in the fourth industrial revolution, is facing.”

**Source Entry 2**

Hirsch, Volker. "AI & The Future of Work | Volker Hirsch | TEDxManchester." *YouTube*, YouTube, 22 Mar. 2017, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=dRw4d2Si8LA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dRw4d2Si8LA).

In this YouTube video, Hirsch talks about how Artificial Intelligence has both taken over a lot of jobs, and will continue to take over jobs with the advancement of technology. Some of the jobs that are being replaced by robots include Factory Workers, Pizza Delivery Guy's, and Warehouse Workers. Most if not all of the jobs that are in danger of being replaced, are the jobs with a lot of repetition. A robot can be programmed to do the same repetitive task that a human can do. It is also cheaper and more efficient to use robots. He also goes on to talk about some jobs that Artificial Intelligence can provide and the negatives to having a job become fully run by computers. Hirsch mentions four new jobs that Artificial Intelligence can provide, however, most humans do not even know what those jobs entail. He also talks about how robots cannot replicate emotions, creativity, and critical thought that a human worker would provide. Jobs that deal with these key elements are less likely to be taken over by Artificial Intelligence.

Volker Hirsch is a Technology Entrepreneur, Advisor, and Investor. He aided in launching the world's first mobile music service and produced many games on mobile phones. This establishes his credibility and allows him to be a trustworthy source. In the video, Hirsch speaks with such confidence and poise about Artificial Intelligence. He rarely stuttered or made a mistake. This shows that Hirsch knew exactly what he was talking about.

After watching Hirsch's video, I completely agree with what he had to say. I believe that Artificial Intelligence is a threat to a lot of jobs. Why would someone hire a human to do the work when they can use a robot that is cheaper and more efficient? Businesses want to make the most money they can, so no matter what they will go with the cheapest route if it is worth

it. Hirsch himself states, "Anything that has repetition in there, the machine could in theory do this better, faster, cheaper, and without any vacation leave." In other words, Hirsch believes that if you have a job that involves repetition, you should be looking for a new one soon. Those jobs are at high risk of being completely taken over by robots. A key point that Hirsch makes is about vacation leave. A robot can work non stop for 24 hours 7 days a week. This is not possible with a human worker. A human worker comes fatigue, injuries, family emergencies and much more. These are problems that a robot will never have to deal with, therefore making robots a better option than a human. To better understand the effects, I would like to look up more data and statistics about the influence of Artificial Intelligence on individuals, the economy, the workplace, and society as a whole.

#### Quotes

- 5:20 "I thought was really really shocking was that this means that someone who makes \$5 a day is now too expensive and therefore will be replaced by technology."
- 8:42 "Worldwide about 400 million people earn their living by shipping people or things from A to B and they're all in the process of being potentially displaced."

#### Source Entry 3

West, Darrell M. "Will Robots and AI Take Your Job? The Economic and Political Consequences of Automation." *Brookings*, Brookings, 9 May 2018, [www.brookings.edu/blog/techtank/2018/04/18/will-robots-and-ai-take-your-job-the-economic-and-political-consequences-of-automation/](http://www.brookings.edu/blog/techtank/2018/04/18/will-robots-and-ai-take-your-job-the-economic-and-political-consequences-of-automation/).

In this article, West talks about how with the advancements of technology, Artificial Intelligence will begin to be implemented into jobs. He cites many sources and explains the fears that people should have of losing their job. Most of the sources backup the point that there will be a lot of jobs replaced by robots. West also goes on to talk about the political and economic consequences that can result from the loss of jobs worldwide. Democracies could turn to an Authoritarianism style of government because of high income inequality. This could then lead to a lot of violence, war and theft in countries around the world.

Darrell M. West is an American author, political scientist, and political commentator. West has earned a Bachelors of Arts degree from Miami University and also earned his PhD from Indiana University in political science. This establishes his credibility with politics which allows him to be a reliable source.

After reading West's article, I agree with most of the statements that he makes. West believes that new technology has already taken over jobs and will continue to do so with further advancements. I find this statement true because robots will be better than humans at certain tasks, and will ultimately make humans useless. However, West goes on to talk about how the loss of jobs will change the political and economic standards. West states, "If the employment

impact falls at the 38 percent mean of these forecasts, Western democracies likely could resort to authoritarianism as happened in some countries during the Great Depression of the 1930s in order to keep their restive populations in check.” In West’s view, if unemployment gets really bad, it will result in a complete change to the way many countries are run. This is because there would be a high uneven distribution of income. I do not agree with this completely. I believe that the loss of jobs will certainly affect politics and will result in some additions and changes to laws, but, I do not believe that it will result in a complete change to the system countries are being operated by. To better understand this article, I would like to know why West thinks that countries would change their political system to one where they know would result in chaos, violence, theft and war? I feel like the politicians would be able to come up with a better idea rather than ever go to that system.

### Quotes

- “The United States would look like Syria or Iraq, with armed bands of young men with few employment prospects other than war, violence, or theft.”
- “Relatively small increases in unemployment or underemployment have an outsized political impact.”

### **Source Entry 4**

Djordjevic, Nikola. “The AI Revolution.” *TechJury*, 4 July 2020, [techjury.net/blog/ai-statistics/](https://techjury.net/blog/ai-statistics/).

“The AI Revolution” is an infographic created by Nikola Djordjevic. It depicts the definition of AI, different types of AI, the past and future of AI, statistics of implementation of AI, and the impact AI has had on different industries. Djordjevic describes AI as “the simulation of human intelligence processes by machines, more specifically, computer systems”. In other words, we are creating machines/computer systems that can emulate a human being. This usually refers to humans completing repetitive tasks that a robot can complete more efficiently with less error. Djordjevic then goes on to talk about how AI is already being used in the world today. He highlights the main uses of AI. Some of these include using robots to engineer products, and programming machines to automate repeatable tasks and identify human language. While these uses don’t seem to affect everybody that much, AI is used a lot in our everyday lives, and most people don’t even know it. AI is used in Siri/Cortana/Alexa, finding music suggestions on Spotify, photo recognition and much more. AI is much more common than people believe.

After reading and looking through the infographic, I believe that AI will be very beneficial in all aspects of life. Djordjevic lists many ways that AI has already impacted or will impact different industries. In sports, AI has allowed athletes to wear technology that can examine their performance. This can then be looked at later to help them further improve their game. In transportation, AI allows people to get to their destination faster. These computer programs help to analyze traffic that is building up on your route to your destination. It can analyze this and tell you a different route to go, to speed up your arrival time. While we know that AI will take some jobs away from people, it will also enhance the jobs of others. As shown in the infographic, under Defence in “The Impact of AI on Various Industries” section,

“Wargaming, simulation, and training.” AI can provide practice/training to soldiers in the military, airforce, marines and navy. This will strengthen their skills and prevent injuries or mistakes that can cost someone their life. This is just one of the many examples Djordjevic presents.

I would like to look more into the amount of jobs that will be replaced by AI and the amount of jobs that will be created/enhanced by AI. With all of these jobs incorporating AI, there has to be a significant loss in jobs. Djordjevic states, “38%: The percentage of US jobs that could be at risk by 2030, thanks to AI”. This is true, however, AI will provide new jobs, it is just unsure of how many that will be. I also want a better understanding of more of the negative impacts that AI will have on the industries. Djordjevic provides mostly only positive impacts. This information can change the opinion of both myself and many others on the influence of AI on the world.

### Quotes

- “4 billion: The number of devices that will carry AI-powered voice assistants this year”
- “Taking Over Dangerous Jobs: Robots and drones will take over hazardous jobs, like bomb defusing, eliminating the need for people to risk their lives in extreme conditions.”
- “Predicting The Future: Machine learning uses the past to make predictions about the future. It will be able to predict things as intimate as who will start dating or who will get divorced.”

## Conclusion

In my research I have found that there are both many positive and negative effects of the implementation of Artificial Intelligence. AI is a threat to a lot of repetitive jobs. These jobs can easily be replaced by robots that can do the same tasks easier and more efficiently. Also robots require no vacation leave and will never have any problems with fatigue, injuries or family. This will lead to unemployment rates increasing which could lead to a change in the way countries are run. While this is a bit of a stretch there is a possibility of this happening. A more likely consequence would be the addition of new laws and changes to other laws that would help families that lost their jobs. After conducting further research, there are still a lot of positive benefits that result from the implementation of AI. Humans will get assistance in their jobs with the advancements in the development of sophisticated robots. This will take a lot of stress off of humans and make their lives a bit easier. Many industries will prosper with AI being integrated. Athletes will get better results from tech that they use that will help them see what they need to do to further improve their game. Soldiers in the military, airforce, marines and navy will improve their skills and abilities with better training using AI to simulate scenarios that they might eventually go through. This would lead to less injuries and mistakes that could also prevent deaths among soldiers.

I was surprised with how common AI is in the world today. Everyday items that people use involve AI. For example, your phone. If you use face recognition, that is done through the use of AI. Another example is when Netflix recommends movies or shows to watch. That is also AI looking at your history and comparing it to shows similar to ones you previously watched. My understanding was deepened because this shows that AI affects everyone in some shape or



form, so with the further implementation of AI, a lot of people will be affected. I think this is important because Artificial Intelligence is the future of the world. Soon everything will become automated and rely on machines and robots. If we can understand the consequences of AI now, we can help prevent the negative effects in the future.

I believe that people who work in jobs that have “repetitive” tasks need to know about AI. These are the people who it will most definitely affect. Their jobs will be taken over by robots and machines. While there will be new jobs and trades brought about through AI, it is still unsure how many jobs that will entail. So if your job is “repetitive” enough so that a robot can do it better than you, I would suggest to start looking out into new branches and industries for jobs. My hypothesis has been both proven right and wrong in some ways. While there will be a loss of jobs, AI will provide new ones with new trades. The economy won't decrease as much as I thought, if it does at all. Industries that adopt AI will prosper as employees will have less stress on their hands as AI will be able to help them in many ways. Overall, Artificial Intelligence will influence the world in a positive way.

### Unit 3 Assignment

*After receiving the feedback from Professor Stone, I only had minor changes to make. These changes included changing the size of my text, removing the citation part of my newspaper article, and fixing my citation. I decided to change the size of my text to make the article look better overall. I removed the citation heading because that is not actually needed in a newspaper article. With removing the citation heading, I changed the way I cited my quote to make it more clear as to where it is from.*

# Artificial Intelligence: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly

It will affect you even if you don't realize it.



Artificial Intelligence will be a major problem for many workers in the near future. Joseph Kiernan/City Tech Press

By [REDACTED]

Dec. 2, 2020

As most people now know, Artificial Intelligence(AI) is taking the world by storm. It is everywhere, including in our phones, commercials, and games. Artificial Intelligence is the future of the world, and you should know about the effects that will come with the implementation of this.

## AI in The Workforce

The most important consequence of AI would be its effect on the workforce. More specifically, workers who have "repetitive" jobs. This includes factory workers, warehouse workers, pizza delivery guy's, and many more. In short, any workers that will be affected by the potential automation of industry.

These workers are at risk of losing their jobs due to robots and programs that are being developed. It doesn't matter how little you make either. If it saves the company money, they will replace you in a heartbeat. Volker Hirsch states in his TED talk, "I thought was really really shocking was that this means that someone who makes \$5 a day is now too expensive and therefore will be replaced by technology.". In other words, they are replacing factory workers in China who only make \$5 an hour. \$5 is a lot less than what workers make for minimum wage in New York. This is terrifying. If this is happening in China, it will eventually spread to the United States and other regions of the world.

AI requires no vacation leave and will never have problems with fatigue, injuries, or family emergencies. They can work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This is another reason why employers will prefer AI over human workers.

However, some workers will be able to work side by side with AI. This will make their jobs easier and less stressful as robots and programs can take on the grueling tasks that don't require human help. This allows the human workers to use their skills elsewhere and get more tasks done.

Certain industries will prosper from the integration of AI. For example, Soldiers in the military, airforce, marines, and navy will be able to improve their skills and abilities with the use of AI in their training. AI can be used to simulate scenarios that they might eventually go through in combat. This will lead to less injuries and mistakes that could prevent deaths amongst soldiers. Athletes will also benefit from this as AI will allow for better results that can help them to see what they specifically need to do to improve their game.

Artificial Intelligence will also bring about new jobs and trades. These jobs will include the workers who will have to make Artificial Intelligence. We know that there will be new jobs, but, it is still unsure as to how many jobs there will be.

So to be safe, if you are working in a "repetitive job", I would start looking for new routes to take that will land you in another job safe from AI.

### **AI Affects Politics?**

It is hard to predict the future, but if AI takes over as many jobs as anticipated, it can affect politics.

The loss of jobs from the implementation of AI in the workforce will lead to the

unemployment rate increasing. This will leave many families struggling to make ends meet, and can ultimately lead to a change in the way the country is run. Authoritarianism could replace Democracies. This could then lead to a lot of violence, war, and theft in countries around the world. While this might be a bit of a stretch, this is a very real possibility.

Another possibility could be the addition of new laws and reforms to other laws that could help families in need. This is a more likely consequence than a full reform to governments around the world.

### **Editors' Picks**



A Meeting As To Why Deserves an A+ Grade In English 1101



The College Athletes Who Are Allowed to Make Big Bucks: Cheerleaders



A Newsletter Proposal, in Six Words

**Final Reflection**

Throughout this term, I have learned a lot about myself. In my opinion, I benefit from having others reading my work and giving me suggestions on ways to improve it. It is easier for my peers to see mistakes that I don't. Using them as a resource to go to has drastically improved the way I write. I also believe that I am able to understand a text more when I use SOAPSTONE to analyze it. This points out all of the key elements that you should be looking for in a text. This includes, the speaker who is talking, the occasion, the audience the speaker is trying to reach, the purpose as to why the speaker is saying what they are saying, the subject of their work, and the tone they use as they talk. All of this helps me to figure out the text. This has helped me to further improve as a reader. Finally, as a scholar, I have determined that going back and revising my writing enhances my work. In my opinion, revision is the most important part of writing. This is where you go back into your work and finalize it. This means taking out unnecessary information, adding more details, changing some words around, and basically anything that you believe will improve your writing. With everything I learned about myself as a reader, writer and scholar, I have been able to use these skills in other classes and everyday life.

In every single class, I analyze any reading that I have to do. This saves me time because I don't have to read every word on the paper. I am able to skim through and understand completely what I need to know. I use this especially in my EMT 1111 class. We get powerpoints every week. They have an abundance of information on them all about coding. By analyzing these slides, I am able to use the key elements that I read to help me create and write the code for the class. I never have to read every word on a slide. I pick out the useful information and use it.

Another important skill I have learned is how to write in different genres. Throughout the term we have looked at many different genres and determined what major components are needed to write them. With this skill, I was able to write 2 of my unit assignments in genres that were new to me. I have never written a research report or a newspaper article before. However, by looking through examples, I was able to figure out what was needed in each genre. This will also help me in future college classes when I need to write in different genres. I will already know the process to go through to understand what I need to do, which will make the class a whole lot easier.

Looking back on the work from the beginning of the semester and comparing it to my most recent work, I see a drastic improvement. At first, I did not put a lot of detail into my work. In my Unit 1 Assignment I stated, “He had come up to us and asked if we wanted to be a part of an internship in the city during the summer. It was a paying internship where we would also get the experience of working in a job similar to one we would get if we stayed in the Software Engineering career path.” In my first draft of this assignment, I did not include details about where I worked or what the company did.

However, after receiving feedback from Professor Stone, I realized how much more I could add. I added the company’s name and a short description of what they do. In my more recent work, it is evident that I add more detail. You can especially see this in my Unit 2 Assignment. I stated “Volker Hirsch is a Technology Entrepreneur, Advisor, and Investor. He aided in launching the world’s first mobile music service and produced many games on mobile phones. This establishes his credibility and allows him to be a trustworthy source.”. In this quote, it is apparent that I improved upon adding more detail in my writing. I explained what the orator’s professions were and achievements he has earned throughout his work. I did extra

research in Unit 2 to prove to my readers that my sources were credible. In my opinion, this helped me obtain a high grade on this assignment and was proof that my writing did improve.

This semester came with a lot of meaningful lessons. However, one particular lesson that stood out to me was when we read Kyle D. Stedman's text "Annoying Ways People Use Sources". After reading Stedman's work, it really helped me with understanding the ways to properly use sources in my own writing. I also realized certain things to avoid when using sources. This is a key lesson that I think allowed me to greatly improve upon my writing. One specific trend that a lot of writers do that annoys their audience is just shoving a source or piece of evidence into their writing without introducing it. Once I saw this I made sure to go back to my work and give some background information on my quotes before stating them. As stated in my Unit 2 Assignment, "West believes that new technology has already taken over jobs and will continue to do so with further advancements. I find this statement true because robots will be better than humans at certain tasks, and will ultimately make humans useless. However, West goes on to talk about how the loss of jobs will change the political and economic standards. West states, 'If the employment impact falls at the 38 percent mean of these forecasts, Western democracies likely could resort to authoritarianism as happened in some countries during the Great Depression of the 1930s in order to keep their restive populations in check.'" Looking at this quote, it is easy to see that I provided background information as to what the quote is going to relate to. I begin the paragraph by talking about West's beliefs and giving my opinion on it. Then I use a transitional phrase to connect it to my quote. Without reading Stedman's text, I probably would not have included that background information in my work. If I did, it would definitely not have been to the extent that it is now.

All in all, throughout this challenging semester in English 1101, I have learned a lot about myself and improved upon my writing. This was a valuable experience for me. I feel that it will help me in every aspect of my writing in the future. Whether it is for school, for work, or just for fun, I know how to get the job done.