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“REFLECTION ON LEARNING”

To start off, I learned quickly that I can write about topics I am passionate about and topics that I’m not so passionate about. When I initially started this course, I was afraid I could not write, I feared the possible mental blocks I would have while writing the essays that needed to be submitted in this course but once I started planning, structuring and then writing, it was easy to type up 6 pages of a topic I was passionate about or topics that I wasn’t passionate about, but was intrigued by them. I felt very discouraged and overwhelmed at the beginning of the semester because I had not written a lot before.

Truthfully, this is my third attempt in taking my second English Course. In this course, I feel like every essay improved my writing skills and since every essay was a bit different but, in some way, led to the other it helped me transition from assignment to assignment. I do think that I took longer than my peers to complete the assignments, but I quickly learned to structure the essays and I completed one by one. I then realized I could have easily kept up with the coursework if I would have advocated for myself and reached out to my professor for help. I will carry this into my next courses. This course helped me face my fears, I did not have a mental block when writing but I did have a mental block before starting all my assignments I pushed through with the assistance of my English professor, Dr. Campbell, who went over the requirements for each assignment. I quickly realized I was mostly overthinking, and she also helped me narrow down to topics that I could enjoy writing about.

Project #1 was the hardest to start because this is where I had to get the ball rolling. Project #1 was a short project that had a narrative argument, I messed up by writing in third person but everything else was good. This was 2-pages long and I think it was a good start for my writing skills to be implemented and to get better for the next project, I consider project 1, the warmup. Project #2 on the other hand, allowed me to write about a topic I never thought I would write so easily about. I compared two music videos and really took the time to learn to analyze when comparing two different videos. The videos I compared were by the same artist but were do different. We saw these videos prior for a Discussion Board I believe, and I thought comparing them would be easy but to my surprise, there was many differences and not many similarities. Project #3 was so good, I got to pick a topic I was passionate about and that called for further research. Before this course, I did not know how to research, I was easily overwhelmed by the word research, but I found it to be so fascinating reading and learning from different articles that were published or written by highly educated individuals.

Overall, I think this writing course was a success and I learned so much in a semester on different types of writing. I am glad I had to take this course and wish I would have taken it earlier to get me through my legal courses more easily as this course helps you learn skills that fill all different types of writing assignments.