

## Reflection - V01CE

When I write, I tend to not use too complex words, especially when writing academic texts and the topic is somewhat difficult to understand. If you use too complex of a language, a point you made, good as it may be, might have become lost in the flowery and multisyllabic words. It can take focus away from comprehending what the paper is about, if the reader has to struggle to make it through a sentence.

That being said, I am not at all perfect. Far from it.

I often struggle with keeping myself out of my paper, meaning that my own subjective opinion tends to peak out its head where it has little to no business being. It is a bad habit, and I am trying to rid myself of it. I also tend to be very informal in my writing as a result. Since I try to make the text rather simple to understand, it can sometimes seem very insincere or basic, which is not what I'm going for. These are things I will need to be conscious of as I begin writing my exam paper.

The feedback of my synopsis did not touch much on this topic, which I was not expecting it too. It is something I have noticed myself doing after spending hours and hours writing, and since my peers do not know of my writing habits, there was no reason they should have picked up on this. They did offer good feedback, though. My mentions of articles and how I would use them in my paper, was complimented, as it showed that I was considering my different ways of approaching the paper and how structured the outline for it was. I was also told that the topic I have chosen is still too broad and will need to be narrowed down, something I completely agree with. We discussed possible alternative angles and questions I could work with to narrow down my topic, but I am not yet ready to choose one. I hope that, as I study further, I will be able to make a more informed decision.

Looking over my peers' synopsis was a great help, as it offered alternate looks on a similar assignment. Though we are not investigating the same topic, it can be a great help to see how others have approached a piece of work such as this. My avid notetaking, along with my own research, also came in handy, as it made it rather easy to find articles useful for my final paper.

I am not quite ready to begin writing. There is still research to do and articles to track down, but I feel like I am getting there. My chosen topic is so interesting to me that I am reading about it on my own time, tracking down and finding new articles to use. There is still much to be done, but I feel I am getting there, and I will take much of what I learned from this experience with me into the final paper.