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Reflection Essay 1

It has only been five weeks into this semester and out of all my classes, I have learned the most out of this class than any other class that I am taking. I'm personally not the best at writing essays or discussion questions, but out of these few weeks I have seen an improvement in my writing skills.

What I learned about the academic research assignment was that it was an abundant amount of reading. I tried my best to find an interesting and easy topic that people could understand, but at the same time the research was taking a toll on me. Reading and understanding complex words off a page is not my strong suit and the words would not just stick to my brain; however, I got it done and I think I did a decent job with the research assignment. Now, I utilize that motivation and knowledge and try my hardest to do the research for not only a lengthier assignment, but I use it even for discussion questions here and there.

The creation of the annotated bibliography was confusing at first, but I read through instructions and it turned out that it actually helped me have a better understanding for my topic. What I did was I went to the online library to do extensive research about my topic which was how social media affects kids, teens and young adults. I then did my ten references with a short description about the author and what research they did to find an answer to their hypothesis. I found doing the annotated bibliography was better for me because it made me have an interesting understanding of my topic and it ensured my references were usable. As I stated before in my

last paragraph, I think doing the research before writing anything helps me. Now I use this method for most of my classes.

The Feedback from my instructor did help me better understand some minor mistakes that I made. For example, some of the indents that I made were highlighted and said that I have to change the way I structure this sentence. Another feedback annotation that I got was the MLA indents. All that I had to do was just change the way it was written. In the end, it helped me change the way that my annotated bibliography looked and made me understand how to put in the information better.

The peer review was an amazing and helpful insight to my annotated bibliography. My group was also the nicest people. They had amazing topics and sentence structures. When they had to review my annotated bibliography, they said that my topic was very interesting and that it was very easy to understand. The only comment they said was that some of my grammar needed to be fixed and worded better. One of my group members had a similar topic to mine which was the effect on social media. When I read their bibliography I saw how she worded her topic better and had better points. It made me have an open mind about her topic and it motivated me to go back and look at some words that can look more pleasing when a person is reading it. All in all, I think the peer review was an amazing touch to the assignment. It is kind of like having my classmate is helping me write the annotated bibliography better.

The most challenging part of this assignment was just understanding what I had to do. For example, just gathering information about a topic is sometimes hectic. People like myself sometimes have a hard time grasping that information and putting it into words to make an essay or an annotated bibliography that will make it easier for others to read. When I got the hang of the assignment and a better understanding of it, there was no stopping me. Yes I did make some

grammar mistakes and made wrong indentations. I got help though from feedback from my instructor and classmates during the peer review. The easiest thing was after doing the difficult and time consuming research it made the assignments so much easier. Now I can actually tell a difference with the way I format my papers and write summaries and essays.

Even though we are only 5 to 6 weeks into the semester, I can already tell that I'm getting better at writing. Not only myself but also my peers will learn so much from this class and hopefully we all can get better than we are now.