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Reflection Essay 3

What I learned about the academic research was pretty much the same as doing the other research papers and assignments. I have noticed that I have been getting better at doing all the readings, writings and research. I can apply this to other courses, if my other professors give me a paper about a certain topic. I can get 10 articles about that certain topic then make an annotated bibliography about them.

What I learned in the process of writing this analysis essay was different. I wanted to study a whole new topic and use the little knowledge of what I knew to make the essay. My topic was, how does video games affect young children, adults and other people. I learned that it was kind of the same thing where I had to search up my topic and then write about the effects of video games.

The creation of both the research and the paper was simple. I pretty much do the same things where I did the research and then the essay. It was different this time because I had to do an entirely different topic. In the end, the topic about the effects of video games was interesting because most of the articles were against video games. With the actual essay it was decent because one of the assignments made me think of my introduction, my 5 body paragraphs and lastly, my conclusion. So I had a pretty good idea of what I have to write about. For the future, with all the research I can make a good essay for any class now that I'm better at doing the research and conducting a paper out of that specific research.

The feedback that I got from my professor was something I have never received. I got a note saying that my professor enjoyed my essay. This really surprised me and made me happy because I have never gotten feedback like that. Other feedback that I got from my professor was another note saying to separate one paragraph into two. Lastly, the feedback was just from the turnit in app saying to fix some grammar mistakes. I hope to have fix my draft to make an even better score than what I got on my draft.

The peer review with my classmates was kind of the same thing from all of them. First of all, they said to improve my introduction paragraph and fix my thesis sentence. Another thing they said was to fix some of my grammar throughout the essay. Which I need to do. I feel like with my essays, I can make them much longer and more interesting if I use better grammar and wording. Finally my peer review from my classmates just said to make some adjustments to my introductions of my paragraphs or fix up my transitions. Hopefully with these fixes and adjustments I can get an even better grade on my final draft than on my first draft.

The most challenging part of the writing assignment was doing the research all over again for this new essay. It was fun learning the new topic and seeing others' perspectives of how playing video games can negatively affect people. It was also very difficult to find articles that supported the fact that video games can have positive effects on people. For example, one of the articles was super against video games, but in the conclusion their results were saying how video games had a positive outcome on their hypothesis. The least challenging part of this assessment was just the writing. I feel like I've written essays so much but this course has made me a better writer by a mile. So the least challenging part of this assignment was just writing the essay. Finally, as I forgot to mention, another challenging part of the essay was actually trying to find time to get in the right headset and focus to finish up this essay.

All in all, this was the best writing assignment I have ever done. From doing the interesting research, to writing the essay. Also the amazing and positive feedback that I got from my professor and classmates. This was a fun assignment and I hope to one day have another assignment like this in another course.