

Media literacy has reached an all time low due to doom scrolling in social media and the rise of Artificial Intelligence. Our critical thinking skills are challenged every time we bump into a post in facebook or a tiktok video. Internet access has been useful for the most part but at the same time it's a psychological warfare. Fake news and generative AI is everywhere up to the point where you need to cross-check every three scrolls. Practicing critical thinking and developing media literacy is really crucial to avoid mishaps living in this internet era. Through this class, we didn't just learn and write some essays but we developed integrity and morals to combat these problems we're facing.

Throughout my time this term, I have learned a lot of things that encompass the basic form of writing but also communication. We've learned about sentence structures— this taught me discipline in writing and formulating my ideas logically that is substantial to develop a coherent thought that would translate to my audiences. I have realized the significance of patience and attention to detail through experience drafting and revising essays, recognizing writing as an extensive process that necessitates careful thought and time, rather than an output that needs to be passed.

We also analyzed many texts - stories and even nonfiction. From that, I've figured out how to read in a new way that digs deeper. I've come to understand things like symbols, comparisons, and language twists in writing. This has made me appreciate the process and the art of writing. Now, I can talk about different works in a better way. This new way of reading is enhancing my capability to think critically in a way that helps me understand and connect with what I'm reading in a richer way.

Learning isn't a one man job, constant feedback from my peers during groupworks is the proof of this. Interacting with the class through discussions and feedback sessions have also been productive. Listening to their insights widened my perspective on different points of view and ways of writing. Also realized how constructive criticism made me refine my work and think about how my writing might be received by others. These interactions came to teach me the importance of collaboration and how criticism is an essential part of development.

Oftentimes than not, words became hard to find and my thoughts hard to organize. Writing has given me confidence to express myself. These things have gotten easier with practice and guidance, stating clearly and persuasively my ideas. The knowledge I have acquired in this class will go a long way, not just through academic, but also professional and personal avenues. I appreciate the journey and lesson given by this course, this experience has been a profound one and I am beyond e