

Quarterly Assessment Essay Entry #2: Narrative Text (in Collaboration with Elements and Principles of Graphic Design for AD)

A Feature Article about your co-writer in the magazine.

Type of Text: ANECDOTAL NARRATIVE TEXT

Topic: Your Partner or One of your Group mates – Getting to know Jayme.

It's almost a year now in CIIT SHS and everything is relatively new to me, the online classes, the teachers, and of course, my classmates. I have not really gotten to know much about my classmates personally. Maybe because we don't see each other face-to-face, it hindered us to establish a personal relationship. It is essential for senior students to start establishing some significant relation as a class. High school is arguably the best year in a person's life. It is a period where individuals are growing, learning, and preparing to venture into the reality of the world, which is known as adulthood. There are many stories that tell us that the most loyal friends you can have are from your high school peers. Being a shy person myself, I need to level up my game well, in retrospect to the awkwardness of my usual self, and to see what it feels like to take a leap to know the people in my circle such as my classmates.

The challenge that I have at present is to face my shyness and gain confidence, because sometimes it affects the people closest to me and my surroundings. My parents said while I was growing up and needed to focus on my studies, I was taught to calm myself and channel my energy properly. I think I'm quite average in my shyness, but I just don't take the initiative to focus on my social skills. So, given the task to interview my teammate Jayme Ann Lenon, I find this as an opportunity to practice my social skills to know and understand a person. I met my classmate Jayme this year through my online classes. Everyone in my class is relatively new to the school because we all came from different junior high schools. My classmate Jayme is basically a quiet and shy person who loves to draw and play video games. She has one older brother and lives with both her parents and grandparents. She said that she likes to draw anime characters because of the influence of her cousin who gave her a book about how to draw anime, and then she read it. When she read the book, she got inspired to draw and tried practicing her drawing skills. I asked her what her other hobbies are and she said she's also into videogames, because when she was initially finding Wii games, she encountered a bunch of articles about the top 10 Wii games and saw the "Xenoblade Chronicles". She heard a lot of good things about it and decided to give it a try. From then on, she started looking for more games like it. This got her hooked up in the world of anime, that's why she's also into RPG video games that came from Japan. These games are called JRPG which stands for Japanese Role-play games. This must have been her outlet, because she is the type of person who likes to be by herself most of the time.

I then asked her what significant moments in her life that changed her for the better. She seemed reluctant in conveying her answer and said that it was during her junior high school, that she was able to express herself better and had a fairground in reality to speak up and gain some friends. I tried to peek a little personal by asking a follow-up question, but I was not able to get anything else other than that.

I don't want to think of it as a failure to establish a connection with my teammate, but I guess everybody has a reason to not share their experiences easily and it's okay. Maybe, she is that shy or not comfortable to talk and share to a mere acquaintance like me. Maybe if I talk to her more in the future, she might warm up to express her personal experiences with me.

I have learned that shyness can become a major issue during group works and team collaboration, but once you take the initiative to overcome your shyness and express yourself clearly, the benefits will surprise you. It might open up new possibilities in transforming yourself better. Therefore, it's better to be confident rather than being shy. While interviewing my teammate, I did not see that much enthusiasm from her, maybe she was uncomfortable in sharing her personal life. I was not able to establish a connection to progress it into meaningful communication. I wish she was willing to open and share some things about her life. I was weighing my options to try and initiate more questions, but I felt it would be best to just respect her privacy. It would have been more significant though to know her perspective in life, because I can somehow relate to the pressure and awkwardness. It would have been a good opportunity to share and exchange experiences. To be honest, this interview felt a bit short, because I couldn't get anything from her that could spice this essay. On the other hand, I realized that every person has their own time to grow so at least I got to know a bit about her.