Essay Reflection 8-4

Tiffany McDonnell

Southern New Hampshire University

Eng-123: English Composition 2

Dr. Clough

February 27, 2022

When it came to my argument, I used feedback from my friends and family. I had such a hard time finding a topic that had two argumentative sides. Listening to what people had to say, I was able to find a subject that relates to all advice given to me. From that point was able to find people’s perspectives of the subject. These perspectives were what then started my argument.

The biggest challenge I faced was finding a topic to write about in the beginning. My field is computer science and the only thing going through my mind is what is there to argue. Sciences are either right, or it is wrong. There are no two correct sides that people could support. The only thing I would have done differently would be to think outside the box a little bit sooner.

Some previous feedback that had helped me with exploration aspects of my essay was someone asking me questions. The questions were all based on what kind of education was I referring to and how that relates to my audience. This inspired me to realize that I had to rephrase some things to get the understanding across. I needed to make sure that my audience needs to know the importance of all STEM education. The audience is made up of multiple groups. Parents, students, and teachers are all able to benefit from this argument.

There was a classmate who had given me some feedback on my sources. When it comes to source integration, I utilized this feedback to dig deeper into the sources I had and figure out what the essay still needed. This feedback allowed me to provide multiple support statements to help my argument. I found it extremely helpful in seeing some minor things that I could not do on my own. The feedback really helped turn the essay around.

The best writing strategy for me with this essay was using the cluster method. Not only did I use this to bounce off ideas for my main topic. I was able to visibly see the relationship it had with other ideas. It really helped me pinpoint what my main idea was going to be and how I was going to support it. Without this, I would have struggled a lot more.