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### **Final Portfolio Revision**

Throughout this course, I have learned a lot of new skills in researching, writing, and presenting. Research was a skill that I was not that great at before this course. However, this course has taught me a lot of facts about how to research better. I learned about better databases like Google Scholar and the library databases, some great ways to find peer reviewed sources that are well researched. This allowed me to gather proper information that I could use to create a well-researched essay. Due to my research getting better, my writing was able to improve as well. Even though I had never written a 2500-word essay before, I think that my essay turned out to be great. I think I conveyed my idea about what the best way of helping someone suffering from depression is and sent a very good message along with that information. My essay seemed to be overall well received. My public turn project expanded on the call to action given from my essay. My plan was to make a place where people could interact with one another as well as get links to sources that can help those in need. I believe that I executed this plan very well and ultimately achieved this goal. My website allows people who are interested in this topic to get together, add information about mental health, and to provide help to those that need it. With a website that is very interactable along with various links and sources provided, my goal of having a place that can help those who are suffering from depression is achieved.

Although my revisions were not a lot, I believe that what I did do was significant enough. When creating my research argumentative essay, I did not use all of the sources I had originally planned on using when conducting my first bits of research. Therefore, I had to revise my annotated bibliography to match the new sources introduced. I took out these sources because they stopped matching what my main argument was shaping up to be and needed to replace them with new sources that gave me a direct counter argument. The sources I gathered allowed me to gather information about antidepressants that I could use in my counter argument when comparing antidepressants to therapy. These sources made my research essay better since it showed that my counter argument was well researched, making my point stand out a lot better. Although I did a lot on my annotated bibliography, my research essay did not need as much revising. I believe that the essay I wrote was well written and that it conveyed my point very well. I touched up on the grammar since I know that it was not perfect. However, I think that my essay was well researched and that my call to action was a great ending to my essay. Overall, doing all of these writings and projects improved my skills at being a researcher, writer, and presenter. I believe that these skills will continue to improve in the future.