Module 1 Reflective Analysis

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Module 1 served as our segue into our spring semester for English Composition. We structured our first few weeks around basic writing styles and interpretations by utilizing the art on postcards. By getting into small groups, we were able to categorize the postcards into groups. We used titles like "home", "stress", and "vacation" for some of these items. The point of this task was to show that our eyes see something different than our peers.

One of my first goals for our website project was to understand the format. I am not familiar with blog-style sites, so we were assigned to assess a few examples of different blogs "about me" pages. After review, we drafted our own "about me" pages. For my "about me", I decided to do two paragraphs. I felt like that was the sweet spot lengthwise. I did not want to have my introduction be too long. I wrote it so the person reading my blog would be able to get a solid grasp about me without boring them.

After submission of the first attempt, we again got into groups and shared our writing. Nobody in my group had done a similar style of writing. My group used text selections such as: "Do Cincinnatians Have an Accent?" by Bill Rinehart, "Mother Tongue" by Amy Tan, and "What is Genre" by Lisa Blackmore. Quoting from Lisa's text "A genre is a typified utterance that appears in a recurrent situation. A genre evolves through human use and activity to be a durable and usable form for carrying out human communicative intentions in fairly stable ways." This was a great baseline for our group to refer to when we were struggling to effectively convey the genre we were talking about.

To conclude, I think my English Composition journey is going well so far. I am enjoying this class much more than I thought I would. My outcome for this course hopefully will give me the skills necessary to be a better writer.

I think my analysis was average. I feel like I was able to make a few good points, but I struggled with finding the sources. I don't particularly understand the purpose of finding resources to add to our analysis. Since we are analyzing our paper, I don't know necessarily what I could use as a reference since our writing is unique to self.