

Looking back on this writing class, I can see how much it changed the way I think about writing. The Investigative Field Essay and Project 3 stuck out to me since they challenged me in different ways.

The Investigative Field essay made me realize how important structure is for persuasive writing. Mapping out each section forced me to logically link my ideas together into one cohesive argument. I had to lay out more complex thoughts so they made sense and it was good practice in organizing my thoughts before writing.

What I liked about Project 3 was writing in so many styles, from scripts to whitepapers. It showed me how writing has to change based on your audience and goal. I tried shifting to different tones and formats for each piece. This flexibility will help me later when writing for different purposes.

One big thing I learned was bringing in information from different sources. For Project 3, I had to combine multiple perspectives into one balanced overview of the topic. This meant critically evaluating sources through research and analysis first. These are key skills for any academic or professional writing. Overall this class really shaped my approach to writing in lasting ways. I feel I grew a lot as a writer over just this quarter.

This course really opened my eyes to different strategies writers use to convince readers. I learned how to adjust what I'm saying based on who I'm talking to and what I want them to get out of it. This helped me write in a clearer, more persuasive way. Like when I had to write that policy whitepaper for Project 3 - getting the point across to the audience was crucial there.

Another big thing I took away was revising globally instead of just fixing typos. I wouldn't just polish grammatical errors- I would step back and look at the bigger arguments I

was making and how I could strengthen or clarify them. Doing that really leveled up the quality of my writing overall.

The class also made me realize writing is about more than just putting ideas on paper. It connects to larger stuff going on in the world. The essays and posts we do are like tiles in a mosaic, influencing and bouncing off of everything around us. And when I look back at everything we did, I can see how I grew professionally from it too. Being able to communicate well, think things through critically, and handle different types of writing projects - those skills will help me in whatever job or career I pick. They're life skills, not just school skills.

This course really emphasized the importance of using strategies in writing. It taught me how crucial it is to understand the purpose, audience and context of each piece. For instance, in the Investigative Field Essay it was best to adopt a tone and language to resonate with that audience. On the other hand when working on the video script I had to take an engaging approach to connect with viewers. Being able to adapt my style and tone based on the situation became a skill I developed during this class.

Moreover this course deepened my appreciation for research and inquiry. I faced challenges when conducting research and presenting compelling arguments in both the Essay and Project 3. It required me to analyze information in order to shape well rounded points. The ability to transform data and perspectives into an persuasive narrative is truly invaluable, in today's world.

This writing class turned out to be much more than an average class. It was a journey where I learned about myself and how to think analytically. The different assignments had me trying all kinds of writing, from how things flow, to getting the words just right, and to figuring out how to persuade people. I'm walking away with a folder full of all kinds of stuff I wrote, but

also with this kit of skills that's going to help me flourish in writing no matter what I do next.

Whether it's school or a job, or whatever it is, I understand the writing process is a beautiful way to publish your thoughts and connect with people, and that getting really good at it is hard but rewarding.