

Assignment #6 (Due December 11th @ 4:30pm)

Assignment Text:

The end of your first term approaches! An important part of learning is understanding how far you've come; growth is always relative. We are often quite good at forgetting our journeys.

For this assignment, you will revise (Part I) and review (Part II) your prior essays. Everything that we've accomplished throughout the semester – reading and responding to different genres of texts, completing worksheets on the many parts of the writing process, collaborative writing, peer reviewing, etc. – can and should be considered during this assignment.

Part I: You will conduct extensive revisions to two of your prior essays. *You may not choose Assignment 4.* What is meant by “extensive” revisions? You may revise your essay's structure...

between-paragraph and across-paragraph organization, clarifying ambiguous referents, improving overall “flow”, introducing dynamic sentences, addressing my structure comments, etc.

but you should focus on revisions of content:

solidifying arguments, clarifying ambiguities, considering (additional) counterarguments, outlining assumptions, expanding ideas, addressing some of my content questions, etc.

In total, your revisions should constitute approximately **2-4 new pages of writing in total** across your two essays. Simply reordering your paragraphs and sentences (aka moving sentences and/or paragraphs around but not changing content within them) is not enough; you should have significant content revisions.

Part II: After completing your revisions, you will write a **2-3 page review** of your essays for this course. Provide tangible, concrete examples of how you believe that your writing has changed and/or improved. You should mention some observations that you made about your earlier writing during the revision process of Part I. If you are feeling stuck, I encourage you to consider the following questions:

What are some ways my thinking towards writing has changed? How have I modified my approach to reasoning and argumentation? Is my writing more reader-focused now? In what ways has my writing become clearer? What patterns have I broken? How have my diction and syntax changed? How have the style and writing worksheets informed my understanding of the writing process?

Submission: Please combine all of the documents into one file in the following order (*please mark sections*):

1. Part II (Review)
2. Essay #1 (Original)
3. Essay #1 (Revised)
4. Essay #2 (Original)
5. Essay #2 (Revised)

For your original essays, please highlight passages that were revised; you do not need to use different highlighter colors, but you are welcome to do so if that makes referencing easier. For your revised essays, please provide a short comment on your major changes (where they occur). A sample text is on Canvas.