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Reflection on College Writing Assignment #1

Before I started school as a kid, my mom taught me how to read and write a little. I learned English at school but I was also exposed to it from the tv shows that I watched. Fast forward to schooling in the US, I started my reading and writing career in the second grade with the advantage of already knowing English. In fourth grade, I learned how to write real essays and challenged myself to read bigger books. Fifth grade was when I read even more challenging books like *Harry Potter* and *A Series of Unfortunate Events* to expand my vocabulary. These books ignited my love for reading. It was also the time I was successful in writing a story for the state test in Arizona. However, in sixth grade, I struggled with my writing. My essays weren’t structured correctly and was very unorganized. This caused me to become unconfident of my skills but after a time I realized that it will only get harder from here and strived to improve.Then comes high school in California. Sophomore year was my best year for writing. I did really well that one of the essays I wrote was read aloud in class and when I recognized it was mine, I couldn’t help but smile and be overjoyed at the acknowledgement of my writing. I felt the difference between my skills as a writer freshman year and knew that I grew as a writer. Junior year and senior year I continued to do my best to improve my writing with better quality and content. Overall, I feel that I have truly grown as a writer throughout my years in high school and my teachers helped me to achieve that.

Writing wasn’t the only skill improving, I continued to develop my reading skills by reading books of different genres. I read mystery books,Japanese manga, non fiction, sci-fi and a little bit of suspense-horror type books. I also read what has become one of my favorite book series today, *The Heroes of Olympus series* by Rick Riordan. I first started with the *Percy Jackson series* back in fifth grade, which made me realize my undying love for history and mythology. I feel like the books I have read over the years has helped me improve my vocabulary and taught me important values that I can apply to life. I have also learned to appreciate the magic of imagination books can bring, it immerses me in the story and I see the world through the character’s eyes.

To conclude, I believe I have improved as a writer despite my shortcomings, and I will continue to improve. As a passionate reader, I will continue to read books and expand my knowledge and I hope to achieve these goals at San José State University.