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Writer Reflection 1

I’ve come to enjoy writing as I developed my skills in organization and extended my vocabulary. Even such factors were troubling as I was only beginning to learn English as my second language. My attempts at expressing my thoughts were inhibited by my lack of diction and understanding the principles of writing. As of today, however, I’ve endured the path to finally comprehend what it means to be a writer and how to be an effective one. A writer faces a blank page as they develop ideas and thoughts that are sealed in their mind. Being able to write breaks this seal and allows for a free expression and demonstration of thought. This free expression of thought allows for the composition of a thoughtful piece of writing consisting of ideas, opinions, and hopes that one may not desire to speak aloud. I’ve come to terms with this free expression of thought as I began to understand what it means to write. Writing let me express my opinions and ideas free from judgement as I wrote page after page that I stored away in my precious archive of ideas. This ability to write is definitely something that took time to improve. It was certainly not an innate ability. Regardless of language, culture, or individuality this ability is learned and surely it opens the mind. Although it can be learned with time, there exists struggles that outweighed my strengths along the path. Along this path my writing process has evolved as I improved my abilities. My thoughts on the topic of writing have also evolved throughout the years.

English being my second language was only one of my weaknesses that I faced. Along with this came my struggle for understanding how to organize my paper into cohesive paragraphs that followed any order. I recently found out that I have an unreasonably difficult time retrieving information that I may need for an informative or argumentative paper. Such simple struggles as organization impede my progression to become a better writer. Nonetheless, my strengths assist me in steadily overcoming my weaknesses. Once I begin writing my paper with a simple and concise introduction, I have this habit of being able to freely express my thoughts onto a blank page cohesively for hours at a time. In other words, starting my paper is the hardest part of my writing process. After this initial struggle to begin the first few sentences, I seem able to perform with an inclined sense of freedom.

This precisely is my process for writing. After I read the prompt of an assignment and get some research done for the topic I need to write about, I often just begin to write until the process becomes smoother through the following sentences. This process sets my mind in the right mood to let myself continue writing. After an hour of writing, I assess what could be of good use for my essay and edit the rest of the contents. Then, I’ll form an outline with what I have and what I need to continue my writing. This process assists me in beginning my paper and get in my writing consciousness. As of recently, I began this process on the computer rather than on paper in order to save time. My current writing process was what kindled my enthusiasm for writing as it allowed for free expression. This freedom of expression lead me to experiment with various writing styles and extend my vocabulary as I became more comfortable with the process.

As I have become more accustomed to speaking and writing in English since high school, my thoughts on the topic as a whole have drastically changed. At one point I despised any assignment that required writing essays or even short paragraphs. Such hatred began to wither down as I became more comfortable with writing. After I entered high school, I genuinely enjoyed writing rather than just viewing it as another troublesome obstacle. As the years passed, the essays I’ve written were subjected to critically harsh judgement that seemed to be somewhat discouraging. However, I saw this as another obstacle I can overcome and become more efficient in my capabilities as a writer. Such obstacles have lead me to become a better writer and enjoy the process that I’ve become so accustomed to. This freedom of expression through writing allowed me to open my mind. I hope this class will further prove to be helpful in improving my abilities as a writer. I want to understand the various forms and structures of writing and to comprehend what it means to be a writer from numerous perspectives other than mine.

I’ve progressed my abilities as a writer through the years, but there is still much more left to learn. I hope to spend these next few months reassessing my strengths and weaknesses so that I can become a better writer. I’ve stood to gain a vast amount of experience in this field through the years and I see much more to learn in the years to come. I hope to also evolve my writing process to be more time efficient. I’m looking forward to what I’ll be learning in this class for the next few months and improve myself as a writer.