

Dear Kate,

The above is my final submission for Advanced Writing in the Disciplines: Unit 1, revised from my original draft as reviewed by Student A (Reviewer 1) and Student B (Reviewer 2). I have also taken many of your suggestions into effect and will speak to these as well.

Reviewer 1 made several helpful criticisms and suggestions, such as shortening and breaking up paragraphs to step away from the 5 paragraph essay format and using concise language to cut down the length of the paper. I fully agreed with both of these points and in my revision narrowed the focus of each paragraph and cut out unnecessary words or sentences, as the reviewer suggested. My original draft attempted to cover too many topics in very few paragraphs and ended up jumping between ideas in a confusing way. In revision, I tried to stick to one main idea in each paragraph and speak about this fully, rather than attempting many incomplete ideas. As you will see, I added a lot to the paper but was still able to reduce the word count (1263 to 1206), which was one of Reviewer 1's suggestions. I also adjusted my APA formatting as recommended by Reviewer 1.

Reviewer 2 also suggested reworking some of paragraphs to clarify the focus of each, so I definitely took this suggestion into effect, considering it came from both reviewers. Reviewer 2 suggested changing my opening line to one I had later in the introduction and I liked this suggestion and made the change. Reviewer 2 wanted to hear more about the relationship between the values of the field and the website's presentation, so I tried to speak more to the organization's values in my revised paper and tried to connect my examples back to the field's values. I think I was much better able to speak to the values of the organization in my revised paper.

And lastly, but very importantly, your class memo was indispensable [sic] in editing my paper. Your comment on including each aspect of the rhetorical situation (audience, context, genre, persona and purpose) made me read my paper more carefully and ensure I covered all these areas. I added more material where I missed areas and provided more textual examples per your recommendations. Specifically, I focused more on the area of persona and audience and I think my paper now does a good job of discussing these in depth. I further analyzed the organization's purpose and values, since both you and Reviewer 2 recommended this. Overall, the review process was incredibly helpful in determining my areas of focus for revision. Although I had planned to cut the word count of my paper, I did not think I could do so while still adding so much new content, but I was pleasantly surprised with the result.

Thank you, Student X