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The Passionate Storyteller

Throughout middle and high school, I was fascinated with stories. Whether it was a story someone was telling me or a book we were reading in class, I enjoyed creating an image of the story in my head. My creative personality helps me design and write everything I have ever needed so far. My strengths and weaknesses depend on the style of writing and the topic of the essay. Along with my motivation to create and write stories, I believe that my determination and persistence will help develop my writing professionally.

I grew up with parents and teachers who loved to read books. Because of this, I was always sitting with them listening to the story being told. My interest in these creative and imaginative style of books have shaped my writing to add in colorful and precise detail. This could be seen as a strength and a weakness. If I have to write a fiction piece, I can easily come up with or research the topic and create a decent outline; however, I usually spend too much time researching and end up getting stuck on one idea.

Another weakness I find myself fighting, is in my thesis statements. If I am very passionate about a paper I will have an easier time finding the right way to state my thesis that makes me the most sense; however, I tend to get stuck if I don’t agree or am not passionate about it. Although my weaknesses hold me back, I hope to improve upon them in the upcoming semester.

My English teacher in high school helped me better develop my thesis statement writing. Before my senior year, I could not write a thesis statement or hook to save my life; however, during my senior year, my English teacher helped me understand and prepare more informative and correct thesis statements. The topics I had to write about in high school were not as difficult as the topics in college.

Although high school English has helped me better understand the basics of the writing process, it did not fully prepared me for writing at a college level. English 1301 at Lone Star helped me better understand that process. It also helped me develop an outline to follow for most MLA papers I will need to write during my college career.

In English 1302, I would like to develop my weaknesses into strengths. I intend on practicing my grammar usage and thesis statement generation this semester. I hope that the topics in this class will make me think more outside the box and have to learn new things. Because my thesis statement creation is not the best, I am afraid that when I write a thesis for more difficult topics in this class, that I will write vague, unnecessary, and boring statements that will lower my grade.

I enjoy the process of writing. Writing lets me create and develop a story of information to communicate to others. Because I enjoy writing, I will find topics I am passionate about and put all my effort into it. At the end of all the information I write in an essay or assignment, I am able to be proud of my creation.

I hope to discover new ways of communicating information to the reader, along with looking at essay writing from different angles to decide the best way to go about writing a certain essay topic. Overall, there are many strengths and weaknesses I have as a writer, they will be worked on and improved this semester.