Introductory Letter

During my spring 2024 semester at Phoenix College, I successfully completed the ENG 102 course.

Using MLA format for most of my academic career, I struggled to adapt to using APA formatting in my papers. I found the APA style guide strange since I would have to be introspective in my writing. In the introduction and conclusion paragraph of Paper 3, I struggled to be introspective about my writing. In previous MLA papers, which I was used to, I wrote an overview and a thesis in the introduction paragraphs. For my conclusion paragraphs in previous MLA papers, I tied together the several points made in my paper. In my MLA introduction paragraphs, I detached myself from my writing. When I was forced to be introspective in my APA papers this semester, I felt awkward writing the introduction and conclusion paragraphs. Nonetheless, I persisted.

This semester, I improved in outlining my papers. Before this course, I would outline my papers with specific ideas and write my sentences under those ideas. However, during this course, I wrote a list of overarching ideas for a paragraph and wrote those paragraphs. By outlining in this different style, I have learned to write my papers faster. By writing my papers faster, I struggle less with being stuck on a sentence for long periods of time.

Going forward, I have confidence in writing in APA styled papers and writing my papers faster.