

# Writing Reflection

Dear Shawn,

I know that going into this class you were ready to learn more about how to write but you really had no idea how much you were going to learn. From the very beginning you were hit with new forms of writing such as the Literacy Narrative. You have stretched your wings as a writer and discovered a new side to yourself as an author. Developing your skills and building your understanding to new heights throughout the class.

The Literacy Narrative served as a splash of water, shocking you with the realization of how confined your writing really was. The reliance on prompts and articles to study drilled into your head from a young age meant nothing in that assignment, and it was glorious. Your writing began to branch outwards, expanding alongside your understanding and worldview. Creating anecdotes from your own life was a new and alien experience, but you got through it. You knew what your weaknesses were and worked to improve in those areas in particular. Developing your writing from the monotone prompt based essays into something you can really be proud of.

The Rhetorical Analysis was quite eye opening when it came to how applicable the concept was across all forms of media. You develop websites and often use specific coloration and formatting in order to set the tone for the user of the website. You found out that you use rhetorical analysis when studying websites similar to what you are trying to achieve, expanding your understanding of why the creator added this or removed that. The subtle decisions can have a major impact on your experience as a user, much like how they can affect a reader.

Throughout the course, attendance was a greater concern than the work itself was. If you missed four classes you would fail the course even if you put in all your effort into your work. There was one night you were so worried about missing class that you didn't even sleep, dragging yourself to class to make sure you weren't late. While most of the in-class lectures were very informative, when it came to the assignments themselves they were often self explainable. The great thing about writing is that everyone has written something similar to what you are writing about, the instructor provided examples of how the final products should look and it was a drastic help. The in-class assignments were very enjoyable and were a welcome reprieve from the writing of essays. The in-class experience was great though and the material was easy to understand and follow along with as a student.

Shawn, I know that sometimes classes can be hard and life can get overwhelming, but no matter where you are in life writing will be a part of it. You've read stories of heroes and scientists accomplishing great things, stories you would never have discovered if not for the world of writing. Writing opens a gateway to worlds and universes that, while they might be fictional, can have a real impact on readers. This course has helped me rediscover that crucial detail. I hope you look forward to writing more in the future as much as I do now.

Going forward I know you intend to continue to develop your skills as a writer. Dreaming of someday inspiring people with your writing the way you once were. Developing your use of multimodal media when creating websites in order to make the experience smoother and more understandable for your clients. No one ever said that learning is easy, but that's what makes it so much fun! I can't wait to see how much you accomplish in the future, how much your writing improves, and how much you improve as a person.