

U1D2 - Process Reflection (300-500 Words)

1. Your top 3 goals (in relation to the assignment criteria) in this draft

My goal would be to establish all relevant research (both primary and secondary) and begin incorporating more sources.

Balancing out the language and refining the sentences before that can be beneficial to overall readability.

Refined research questions that are open-ended and useful to my research

2. The writing choices you made to try to achieve those goals

I started my first draft as a brainstorming session and wrote everything that I thought of: how I started, the current atmosphere of the high-finance culture, and added my own experiences to the paper. My research questions were simply my areas of interest, which I felt were less covered in the media - ones that many could benefit from reading up on. I wanted my RQs to be beneficial to young professionals who plan to get into the finance world, to fully understand the hardships and emotional tolls within the industry. The initial research process was short - simply skimming through some academic journals/media publications related to the topic. In my second draft, I fine-tuned my language and delivery to become more formal, adding sources bit by bit and having a pipeline of relevant websites to refer to. I also worked on my third research question to add a social element (social media and FOMO), and how it links to acceptance of high-stress environments.

3. Why you thought those choices were the most effective ones to make

Based on the feedback provided by my classmates, I saw that my text has room for improvement for the LOCs - whether it be sentence structure, grammar, and transitions between "personal narrative and research context". As noted above as well, I struggled to find the balance of writing something with my own personal effect, but professional enough in an academic context. Adding my research question helps me evaluate the issue from different perspectives: previously from a work culture and mental health perspective, and now also from a societal acceptance POV. These three things are some of the most important things within today's working culture.

4. Where in your draft you think these choices are most apparent

I believe I applied my changes in all paragraphs, but with special emphasis on the paragraphs presenting my RQ and Hypothesis. As the course progresses, I will continue to sharpen both my RQ and Hypothesis, as well as overall language throughout the paper.