

## Reflections on Communication and Growth through WOC

We can neither manage nor change time; however, organizing what we do in time is wise. Even though it's been eighty-six days since the first WOC class, it seems like three days. WOC class was a room for new knowledge in the arena of communication. On top of that, they improved my public speaking skills. The confidence level is the best gift I have received from WOC courses. On the other hand, I did not enjoy the multimodal as it was not my first time to hear of it. I am glad to have the gorgeous skills I have acquired from WOC, and I am convinced that they will unlock doors to opportunities in the coming days. On top of that, there is how to select a credible source, and there is citing and referencing the document. Moreover, in my social life, from Adichie's Tedx, I learned about the dangers of a single story (Meier, 2021). I learned to see different angles before I made some decisions.

Before I joined Ashesi, I hid my low confidence level in the realm of an introverted personality. Still, after some time, I learned that proceeding in WOC means moving out of my comfort zone and starting to speak; with the fear of participation points, I had no other choice. I will never forget myself in the middle of a presentation of an artifact piece; until now, I cannot believe it was me. Using "The ten times rule" of practicing before the presentation our instructor introduced to us, I managed the pressure of the audience and delivered my message as planned.

Even though multimodal is one of the essential concepts of WOC, it could have been more valuable than the other concepts. Before I joined the WOC class, I was at the cinematography school; we spent much time using multimodal concepts. I was surprised to be introduced to that concept again at Ashesi University. The only reason it was helpful for me is the fact that I was familiar with the concept; however, multimodal text must be taught in WOC classes since we come from different backgrounds. It was essential to other classmates.

Citing and referencing my text is the concept that will follow my academic pursuit and my professional journey. The idea of giving credit to someone properly had already profoundly started to impact my educational journey, especially in other courses. Before woc course, I did not know how to cite appropriately, but after a deep understanding of citation and referencing, I have seen improvement in written pieces not only in woc class but also in other courses like "fde|" etc... I am confident that with these skills I will be able to cite and reference my work in my research that I would do in school or professional work. Woc classes marked an end to academic dishonesty, such as plagiarism, which I used to do intentionally by shifting my interest in software like Quillbolt, AI, etc.

I anticipate using the skills of defining a credible and noncredible source in my professional journey. Noncredible sources like Wikipedia still need to be added to my research. There are different sources that I was using, but for now, I speak otherwise. After we learned how to judge the credibility of our source, I was disappointed in myself because of the time I spent using noncredible sources because I needed to know. In WOC classes, I was introduced to a new professional and reliable source of information like Google Scholar.....I am convinced that my following papers will be very professional and exciting.

Woc classes not only changed my writing and speaking skills but also my ways of thinking and self-discipline. Watching Chimamanda's T.E.D.X., The Dangers of a Single Story, opened my eyes to real life and how we judge different people. From her Tedx, I understood that there are other views on a situation, and the more we broaden our perspective, the more we cannot come to a conclusion just from one view of the situation. After watching Adichie's video, I could think critically about academic activities and social life, especially when judging someone's decisions.

In conclusion, after 12 weeks and three days spent in the workplace, I am still different in communication. Even Though I already had some skills prior woc but yet I have realized that WOC course is the most important course for international students like me because it is like a shield to help you communicate your ideas in other courses; it also makes it easy for

me to integrate as a newcomer. Regarding what I have said above, it allowed me to excel in my academic journey and opened my eyes to other courses. It will help my attitude in my professional career—woc class.

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