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Reflection #3: Mid Quarter Self Reflection

1. What aspects of the course have been the most successful for you so far? What thing that you've learned are you most excited about? What challenges have you encountered?

I've found the research process to be a success in the course. During the research week, I've committed to spending a minimum of 30 minutes per day reading and sorting through sources. However, I must admit that the reading process has been a bit of a challenge for me. Reading isn't my strongest skill, and I often need to revisit the materials multiple times to fully grasp the content. Additionally, there have been instances where I've only remembered the reading assignments the day before the class, which adds to the challenge.

2. Talk about the work you've done for the course so far. Answer some or all of the following questions. Have you completed all of the process writing assignments, written regular annotations, and done the reading? If not, do you have thoughts about other work you might do in place of what you've missed?

I've diligently completed all the writing assignments and research-based tasks. Occasionally, I have overlooked the AGWR manual, but I make a conscious effort to catch up on any missed

readings. To enhance my comprehension, I've started taking notes and underlining key passages as I read. Interestingly, I've observed that underlining important points helps me remember them better compared to quickly skimming through the material without note-taking.

3. What grade would you give yourself for the first half of this course? Why did you assign this grade to yourself? Be specific.

For the first half of this course, I would rate my performance as an A-. I've invested considerable effort, diligently revised my essays multiple times, and strived to produce quality work.

Nevertheless, I recognize that perfection is elusive, and there's always room for improvement.

It's important to note that some of my peers have gone above and beyond, putting in an extraordinary amount of effort, which, in my view, makes them more deserving of an A grade than I am at this point.

4. If you have concerns about where you're at in the course, let me know. Use this response to ask questions about your work or let me know if there's anything specific you'd like feedback on.

As of now, I don't have significant concerns about the course overall. However, I do have a slight apprehension about the Advocacy Project (AP Project). While the movie "2040" served as an inspiring and informative example for our AP Project, I've heard that conducting research for this project can be challenging, particularly in finding high-quality sources. I'm determined to

overcome any difficulties that may arise and appreciate the feedback I've received thus far. I'm fully prepared to face the challenges that the second half of the course may bring.