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Final Reflection

Throughout this semester I took giant leaps to improve my writing. This course has pushed me to improve not only in my writing but in the whole process in general. We have completed three projects over this semester, a personal narrative, an analysis, and an argumentative paper. By looking at each of my papers I will see how much I have grown, what I need to improve on, and some goals I can set for myself in the future.

Our personal narrative was our first paper of the semester. This paper was a chance for us to be creative and tell our own stories. We gained a lot of knowledge in class about narrative writing, which helped me create my own personal narrative. Narratives are very common in different genres such as argumentative writing and analyses which we did later on in the semester. I believe that this paper was a great way to start our semester. It was a way for our teacher to learn a little bit more about her students. I wrote about my role models in sports and my own highschool sporting career. This was a fun and enjoyable paper to write. I didn't feel pressured about anything and I just liked writing the paper in general, which is pretty uncommon. This paper also helped me gain a better understanding on how my grading would go and prepared me for the rest of my papers. If I were to revise this paper I would make sure to make a more precise outline, so I wouldn't get lost and off topic. Also, I would talk a little bit more about myself and my own accomplishments, not just my cousins and sisters. My goal for personal narratives in the future would be to focus more on myself, be a little more selfish.

Our second paper of the semester was our analysis paper. The goal of this paper was to use analytical skills that we worked on in class and apply them to a song. We were required to choose a song that tells a story, and use the lyrics of the song to analyze what the meaning of the song was. The song that I chose for this assignment was 'Til You Can't by Cody Johnson. I had never written an analysis paper before, especially on a song so I really struggled. It was hard coming up with information to talk about without repeating myself. I decided to come in and make a revision for a better grade. I improved my grade by four percent which helped my grade tremendously. If I were to revise my paper again I would just try to explain Cody Johnson's quotes a little more and find some more information on the song in general. Also, I liked how I added my own analysis on how others view his song so I would just go into more depth on that aspect. Although this was my least favorite paper, I am glad that I did it and gained some more knowledge because prior to this course I didn't know anything about it. My goal for my next analysis paper is to gain more information prior to writing my paper.

Our last paper of the semester was my personal favorite, our argumentative paper. There were two parts to this assignment, an academic paper and then a format of our choice. We also had to talk about a problem related to our field of study or something that was happening in our community. I chose to write about equal pay for women athletes. Being a Sports Management major there is no doubt that this is a problem in the sports industry. My argument two was posters made on Canva. I am really passionate about sports and this topic so that is why I found it most enjoyable. If I were to revise my paper I would include another counter-argument that I could prove wrong. Just show people would be aware that they might not be as right as they think. I would also include some more scholarly articles, when it comes to this topic it is hard to find trustworthy sources but I believe I did the best that I could. My goal for my next

argumentative paper is to look back on this paper and use it as a guide if I am in need of any help.

This semester has challenged me and really made me work hard. I enjoyed every part of this class and would recommend it to anyone. I have grown in many ways but am still in need of improvement. I hope to keep improving and gaining more knowledge about writing. I just want to thank my professor for all of her help this semester and for keeping me busy!