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English Composition 110 class reflection

Starting college after a gap year and not being able to finish off my senior year was very nerve wracking for me. Taking an advanced English college course made it worse. I've never been a great writer, I would say average but I think my problem coming into this class was self doubt, I doubted myself from the beginning. I never gave myself a chance to see what I could really do on my own. In high school I was so used to being surrounded by peers and consistently getting reassurance on my work by my teachers that when I heard I had an online English course something in me gave up already, I knew it wouldn't be the same. I knew I would have to get the extra mile to achieve the bare minimum, not because this course is hard, or because I'm a mediocre writer but because there wouldn't be a teacher holding my hand every step of the way. Also because I would have to learn things like time management, and how to not procrastinate things that I've not been so good at for years, on top of being burned out from working 10 hour shifts so this was all new to me. I can say that this class helped me a lot. It reminded me of how much I love to read, it presented me with obstacles that showed me weaknesses I didn't realize that it had and showed me potential that I have if I just put forth the effort. I would have to say my favorite part of this class was the

collaborative essay. That essay was a turning point for me. If I'm being honest it gave me a lot of confidence to write the argumentative essay. And while I think the argumentative essay was very challenging, I also feel like it was the best essay I wrote for this class. I struggled finding sources in the beginning and didn't do all the work pre-work such as the essay outline or the research worksheet that would have helped me produce an even better paper but I somehow managed to dish out a satisfactory paper which made me feel a lot better about my work. This course taught me that having a plan and doing research before writing a paper will make things a lot easier. Reflecting, evaluating and intake are all important skills in writing a very good and efficient paper. I do regret not doing all the work for this class, not because of my final grade but because of the papers I produced. For my future papers I know that those skills are just as important as the paper you're writing. Shorting the writing process will only harm you. Going through the whole writing process no matter how long or hard it is always the better option. It helps develop stronger writing skills and makes it easier to see flaw in my writing.