

Self-Assessment Letter

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This course helped me a lot. Even I was surprised to see how far I have come. By taking this course I was able to learn how to conduct research, it taught me what things there are that we need to check in order to find what we are looking for. For example, the use of keywords.

This was a major revelation to me as it helped me save a great amount of time to search for the articles I was looking for. Previously I would use to write the complete topic sentence or the complete statement to find related articles but since I learned this technique, I have been able to find the data that I need much more quickly saving up a huge amount of my time.

The class activity on using Zotero was a blessing in disguise. I remember thinking why are we using a software, it is just wasting our time and complicating things but I was wrong. It has made inserting citations, references so easy for me. Previously I would have to enter the references manually which I found a little too technical and once again a waste of time. Since I am a freelancer I have lots of other projects to work on as well and Zotero was a blessing for me as it made it easier for me to work on other projects.

All of the things that I have learned will from this point onward will make things easier for me in university as my degree and specialization is of the type that involves conducting research. It will help me with my other courses as well. Not only in the future, but I was also able to implement and apply the skills that I have learned in this course for my other courses, and it made my work that much simpler and clearer. Now I knew what I had to do and how to conduct my research. The biggest advantage that for me is that I was able to enhance the skills and techniques that I had learned to some extent during this semester but I am positive that in the upcoming semesters I would be able to polish these skills to a much greater extent.

As far as the assignments and my personal growth go I think that these assignments have boosted my confidence. I have more faith in my abilities to get the job done and I have

become more confident in presenting my ideas and my work Infront of people. Presenting my topic proposal and my speech Infront of the class made me a little nervous at first but after the first presentation all that hesitation went away, and I was able to freely express myself. Although in my opinion the controversy analysis paper assignment was a little irrelevant. I think that instead of that it should've been only persuasive paper with a section of controversy analysis because in the end it wasn't helpful to me. Also, for the duration of the whole semester this course was the most chaotic course. I personally had a tough time to understand what the task was. The instructions were somewhat vague and not clear enough. I think the instructor should've used more precise and clear instructions from the beginning which would've helped us and would've made the course slightly easier. Since it is coming to an end looking back at the assignments, they were a little difficult but not impossible. I just think that they could've been made easier for the students with clear instructions.

As I said earlier this course has been chaotic from the very beginning. It was a lot of fun and very interesting but it was a little hectic but even after that I think that I was able to complete the assignments on time and was able to face the challenges of this course head on.