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Assessment and Reflection

### English 1010

Writing for me is an interesting subject before I took English 1010 my thoughts on writing were. To take your thoughts and ideas and put them on paper also to make sure your spelling and grammar are correct. So this was my idea on how writing was, however when I entered English 1010 I discovered many new thing about writing and the process of writing. These things were argumentation, analyzing, and research. The assignments in English 1010 have given me more thought on how I should write, analyze, and go about the writing process. In English 1010 we had four major papers to write they were summary response, rhetorical analysis, annotated bibliography and synthesis exploration. All four of these papers have changed my writing and my take on writing as a whole.

The first paper we did was the summary response paper. This paper we had to analyze a piece and give it a summarization on what writer has written and then respond to them. The essay I did this was “A More Perfect Union” by Barack Obama. In his essay Mr. Obama was responding to controversial statements made by his pastor which upset a lot of Americans. I enjoyed reading his paper because Obama gave it a lot of feeling on the matter and into his

writing. What I learned from this assignment was when summarizing you should keep your opinions to yourself and reframe from writing them into the summary. This was hard for me because the essay was very interesting I wanted to write how I felt about the subject. Also I learned about summarizing by really understanding the text and point out all the main points without getting off topic and make it clear and understandable.

The second paper we did was an rhetorical analysis. This assignment I enjoyed doing as well was to analyze a piece and to write about what rhetorical techniques and words or language the writer used to help his writing and there main points. I did a rhetorical analysis on Dennis Browns essay “Reforming Egypt in 140 Characters?” This essay was about the impact of social media on Egypt and other nations and how social media net people together in their cause. I liked this assignment because I learned about how to recognize the writer techniques in there writing like ethos, pathos, and logos and how they can draw a reader into their piece and get there point across to them.

The third assignment was the annotated bibliography this assignment was about annotating sources for a topic. My topic was on the American dream I chose the American dream because of the term and how we use it today especially how the topic itself was very controversial. This paper was very challenging even though we were just analyzing, annotating, and summarizing sources the process was challenging. This is because the research process can be difficult. For me it was because I wanted to use good sources that had good information.

However I learned how doing good research can be interesting and can help you create a good piece of writing.

The fourth and final paper we did is the synthesis exploration. This assignment was to go into detail of your source you did in the annotated bibliography and writing about the different perspectives on a topic. My synthesis exploration was on the American dream like I said earlier I chose this topic because it was current and an interesting one to write about. So I did enjoy writing it also because of the groundwork I did in the annotated bibliography it has helped me write about the topic and its importance. The writing process for this was not bad but was challenging to put together.

In conclusion these four assignments have definitely changed my outlook on writing and the process in doing the writing. But also the little assignments we done in class like the peer reviews and practice papers have helped me reinforce the ideas we were learning. I like the peer reviews because it was nice getting feedback on my writing and to give mine on theirs. In the end though I still have much to learn about writing but thanks to English 1010 I feel I have come out of that class a better writer and because of the class have the desire to continue my study in writing to become a great writer.

