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Personal Cover Letter

This section of my E-portfolio shows how English 1010 has helped improved my writing skills. During my time in English 1010, I've improved my writing skills in multiple ways. I now have a clearer understanding of; correct grammar, effective rhetoric, appropriate writing styles, recognizing my audience, and taking advantage of getting feedback from my peers.

The elements I learned from the assignments I did in English 1010 will benefit me in my everyday life and for my future career. The strong response assignment has taught me how to do proper research, where to find credible articles and to present information in an effective way towards my audience. The summary assignment has helped me learn how to summarize properly and to understand what I read about. The rhetorical analysis has allowed me to understand how to research the author to decide the author's credibility and to search for the author's message that he/she is trying to get across to the audience.

One assignment that I thought showed great progress and abilities in my writing was the reflective narrative. This assignment was to analyze an experience that has shaped my attitude regarding education and to share my experience with others. The reflective narrative assignment has helped me write in a different genre that I've never done before. It has also helped me improve how I identify important points in a story to keep the story flowing and alive. I also learned the five essential features that contributes to a good narration. One: Having a clear context that tells when, where, and to whom the action happened. Two: Having details so the readers knows what is happening but not overwhelming them with too much detail. Three: Having a logical order of organization. Four: Having a consistent point of view. And lastly, five: having a meaningful purpose for sharing my experience.

I always believed and still believe now that English is a very important class because it teaches elements that are used in everyday life and in the working environment. The skills I have developed in this class will help aid and benefit me in my other classes. Because what class doesn't involve english? In my Biology 1610 class, I was assigned to write a paper regarding the scientific method. English 1010 has helped me write my paper by knowing how to properly summarize my background information, finding a credible article to base my scientific method on, and to pick out important key information.