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Abstract

Writing to me is a way to express myself. In this class I've learned a different way to write in a scientific way. I've also learned not just to write in a scientific way but also read and understand what to look for in these type of writings. Here I will be focusing in the improvements I have made throughout this class. I have made many mistakes, but I have also learned what my mistakes are. I will be honest and say that writing scares me because I am not very confident in my writing skills. I believe that by writing more and more and reading more and more will give me confidence, and self-understanding in what I am good at and what I can improve with my writing.

I will start with the group's final paper. This was a challenge for me since it was announced that it would be a group final paper. With this paper I had to learn to communicate better with my partners and understand their writing styles and their ideas. With this paper the outcome was very informative and everyone in the group new their parts and their topics. Besides some grammatical errors, this paper had sections in certain topics that were more elaborate and others that did not have much information to go on. As I revised this paper, I made some changes for the mental health section and added more information on the topic. Before this class this paper would had been enough but noticing how it was not properly balanced shows me that I am able to see where the changes need to be made and what I need to do to improve my writing.

As I continue to my Scientific Controversy, I will focus on my understanding of grammar. I am guilty of not focusing on spell check and grammar and the importance of proof-reading my work. I have noticed that this is one of my weak areas pertaining to writing. This class has shown me time after time that small errors can change my writing. As the professor made it very clear that scientific writing, is very precise and objective because of the audience that is attracting. I am not taking away that all writing is important because grammar is important for all writing. For this paper I spelled checked my writing and listened to the professor's comments on how to improve this paper.

For my next paper, which is a Technical Description, I will focus on what this paper needed to enhance the writing. This paper is very different than what I am used to writing. This is a very objective kind of writing, very descriptive and to the point. I can say that this paper was fun to write, and it was my favorite to type of writing style. Although, it was fun, I did find out that for this type of writing the more technical and precise that better the writing. This writing was focused on describing any object and targeting an audience. I had to do research on my object, which was a humidifier and I did a great job with everything but one thing, which was how it works. My issue here was that I assumed that everyone knew what a humidifier was and did not go into the specifics on how the parts in the humidifier worked in order to produce its function. In my revision I focused on adding exactly that.

Overall, when I first started this class, I just knew one type of writing. As the class progressed and we read and reviewed many articles I realized what I can focus on while writing my own paper and what questions to ask when writing my paper so that I can then answer them

and create a product that can reach my targeted audience. I also will focus in proof-reading my work and find the small errors and find what I could improve with my writing. Another area of my writing that I have learned to pay attention to is to balance out information. Too much of one topic can overwhelm the entire paper.

Although I learned a lot from my mistakes, I have also learned that my writing is not “the worse” as I thought. Because this class focus on reading short essays and papers and articles, it helped me see what I can take and incorporate in my own writing and as I did that my writing improved. I can also say that I listened to the instructions that the assignments required, which helped me be organized on my writing which is something I like.