

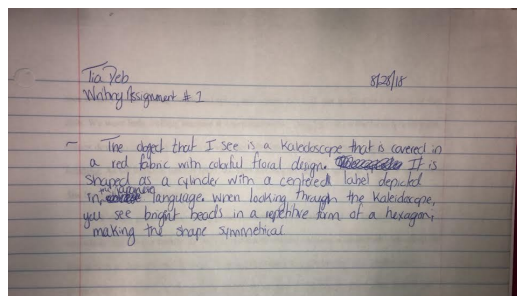
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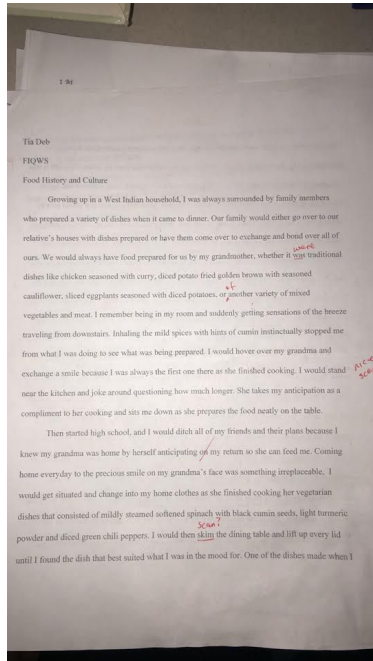
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Self-assessment

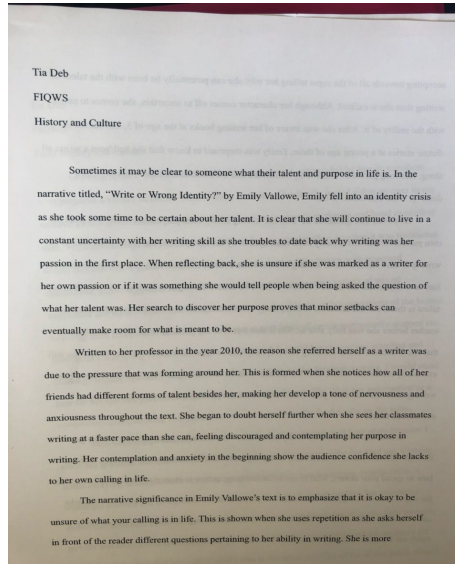
I feel like as a writer, my purpose is to engage the reader in an effective and enlightening way. These two go hand in hand because enlightening the reader helps them better understand the topic, and effectively delivering what is being said is my goal. I feel that whatever the assessment may be asking, I want to make sure my information is delivered concisely and that it impacts the reader. I consistently have this writing issue where I fail to deliver what I'm saying in a concise and a condensed way. I have the urge to throw a bunch of information when half of it isn't relevant. Overall, I believe I grew to be a stronger writer from how I would originally write.



The first assignment I have gotten was writing about the features of a kaleidoscope. Although it was an in class assignment, it was one of the easiest assignments to accomplish. The benefits of this had me thinking of things I wouldn't normally think of.



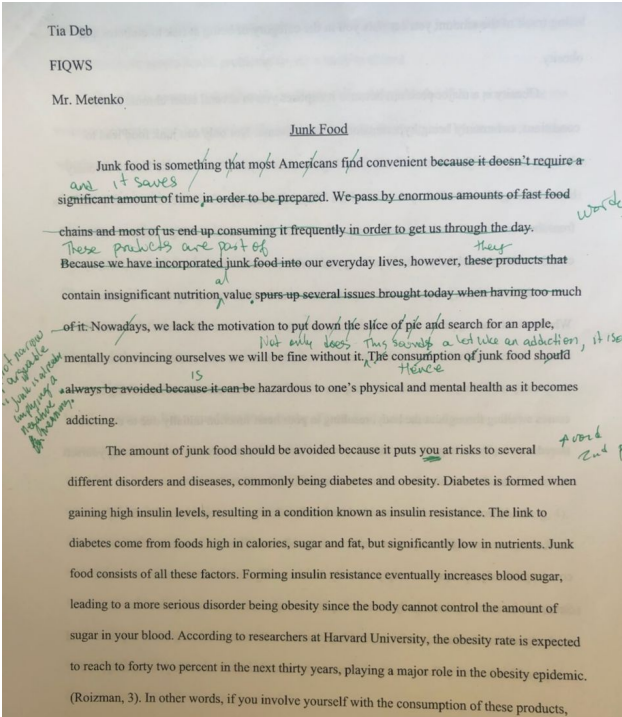
One of the first real assignments that I remember was my food narrative. When writing this food narrative, I started off weak. My context was lengthy, my points were unorganized, and I kept going off on tangents. The use of sensory details weren't effective because I had described the types of foods more instead. Also, I attempted to use rhetoric throughout the text, but failed to make it effective. Looking back at it, I felt that my introduction was unorganized, and this definitely was not one of my best works. Considering that this was something I was very interested in writing, I could have worked harder. But it gets better. When writing the second draft, I made better revisions. I worked on making a stronger storyline, structure, and using sensory details better.



Moving on, this was the first paper I have gotten a perfect score on. When writing this assignment, I practiced being concise, developing my viewpoint, and conclusively bringing my thoughts back. This is something I acknowledge heavily because it was one of my best works. Doing assignments with the objective of a summary or analysis of a reading was something I feel skilled at.

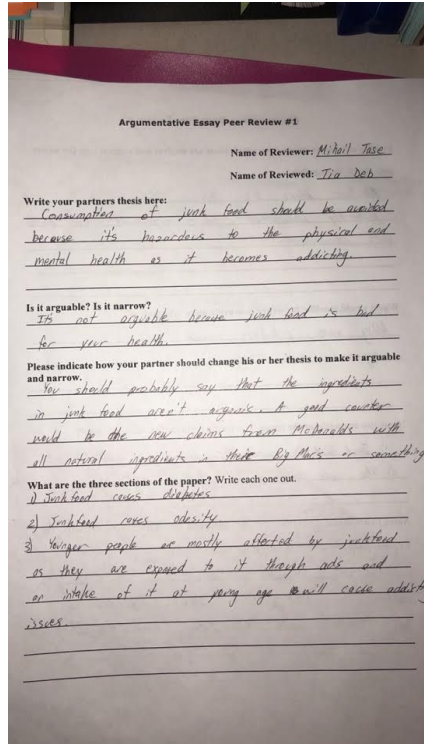
As the semester went on, we were assigned the exploratory essay. With this essay, I chose the topic of junk food, and have developed a more in depth understanding of the severity of excess amounts of it. This essay made me learn the health problems we overlook, but the reality of it is that we can be at risk to several health hazards if exposed to heavily of it. The concept of the exploratory essay was easy for me because I feel that I have a skill when analyzing a certain topic. Also, using viewpoints from different authors and their credibility strengthened the exploratory essay because it allowed the reader to be exposed of all the arguments made about junk food. It became a little challenging when conducting it into an argumentative essay, because now it requires me to take a position. Because I struggled with this,

I started being wordy and it diverted to the point I was trying to make. Being wordy is very ineffective especially in an argumentative essay because you lose the reader's interest. With this essay, I learned that it is important to have a strong thesis and concise points. Looking back at it, I wish I had utilized the rhetorical strategy of repetition clearly. However, I did use repetition to emphasize how junk food should be prohibited.



The main problems I continue to face is trying to make my points concise. However, I did begin to make a change. When writing, I always have a problem of being able to straightforwardly state the point being made. Also, I feel that I have gotten better in terms of compartmentalizing my ideas. I feel that if I practice these good habits, I should be able to write more effectively.

It was very helpful when getting feedback from my peers. Peer review helped me understand where my strengths and weaknesses were. Here is an example.



When I had gotten this feedback towards my argumentative essay draft, it helped me understand where my essay was lacking. This also made me realize that I didn't even have a thesis that was arguable! So pointing this detail out was super helpful for me. I feel that it is very helpful being open to feedback because it helps with my performance as a writer. The constructive criticism helps me be more mindful on the points being made.

Overall, my journey was like a rollercoaster because I went from underdeveloped papers with no sense of direction to decent papers. Developing strategies was something hard for me to do because I have carried on my writing style for several years. Throughout this semester I was being able to use anecdotes and improving my thesis. When I wrote papers, my thesis was weak. I had such a challenge when writing a thesis because I had a lack of understanding to it. Even when I figured out what a thesis was, I personally never understood how to write a good one up until my final paper. My interpretation of it was basically writing a claim. I have wish I did better

on my assignments because I'm well aware of my potential, but I can't lie, this journey has been unforgettable.