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### Self-Assessment Essay

During my time at class, I have learned new things, which have helped me be more efficient and better the way I write, research and read things. This semester has even changed my perspective on what writing can do and what it means to different types of people. It expanded my knowledge from doing the multiple different types of writing during these months.

One of the things that this semester has taught me is that everyone have a diverse way of saying things in order to get their point across. There isn't just one or two ways of writing something. You need to know what side you're arguing with, what your trying to prove and who is your audience. Changing one of these things can change the whole essay. An example would be me writing the technical description. I needed to understand that it had to be made for a specific type of audience that doesn't know what the insides of a computer was. I had to explain a lot of things from what is a motherboard and how it interacts with the CPU, in order for the reader to comprehend what I was saying. This alone made me rethink the way I want to write things and before doing anything, understand the audience I am trying to write to.

The past work that I have done has all taught me new ways to write and revise my work. Before I use to try to edit what I wrote at the same time, but now I just keep writing and worry about any errors. I do this now to write what I want down, so I won't forget or lose track to what I what to say. This made me more efficient in the way I write in my work. This is what I did in

the Lab Report Analysis, it kept my mind focus on just critiquing the lab reports, instead of the errors I have made while writing.

There is already so much you can do by yourself when editing and revising your work alone. When having another person opinion on the writing you have made, you can improve on how convincing you sound when doing an argument for example. They can show you what mistakes you have done and maybe even some pointers to fix them. And this is what happened when I was collaborating with people when we did our first drafts in for example the Research Project Final Report. My own group talked about how we should change things and make it so our point that, autonomous vehicles are going to better our society. This made us expand what we were saying and make our points more convincing to our readers.

In our last assignment, which was the Research Project Final Report, we had to create a powerpoint and present to a class why autonomous vehicles have more advantages than disadvantages. We had to use more than just writing in order to have our audience understand what we are trying to prove. So, we inserted the powerpoint with different types of graphs and images to they would understand our points. This helped people understand our points because now they can see it visually, instead of just writing on a screen. What this semester have also done for me is better the way I make claims and explain on what I am writing. The essays I have written made me better the way I make claims and explain them. It made me do indepth research to make a stance that I want about the subject. I got more efficient in the way I get evidences for these claims because of the tips I got during class and the readings given to us.

The past assignments, mostly the final one really helped me in finding resources on the internet. In order to back up my claims in more in-depth, I had to find mostly recent findings on

autonomous vehicles. This had to happen because of how new this topic is, so I wanted to get the most recent, since information of this always gets updated. That is what this assignment has done for me. It made me practice and learn how to find the best resources to push my claims to the reader with evidence.

Now, what I have done differently this semester is the way I gave credit to an author in my writings. I learned how to better cite the evidences used from different people using MLA. I have cited work before, but not to this extent. It made the work I wanted to give the credit to easier over time because of the amount of practice I had during and outside class. These assignments made me discover a greater way of also paraphrasing things while I was doing research, which would really help me in the future when I need to write for other classes.

So, yes this semester has taught me a lot on how to write, gather information, communicate with others, and much more, in order to help me do the many assignments I had. It widened the knowledge and understanding on how to do my work. It gave me many methods to do things more efficient, while still being properly done.