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## Reflection Essay

English, one of the hardest classes you may ever take in your life. It maybe meant for some people to write and type about articles but for me it was one tough challenge that I think I have conquered. Throughout English 1302 I have learned a lot about the different types of essays and how to truly write a good, strong, and powerful essay. Whether it's a bibliography and finding sources or just the minor MLA format, I know it like my ABCs. I have learned through all Essays 1,2 and 3 how to develop research-based expository and persuasive texts by reflecting on an issue through research to reach a conclusion.

As a student in college, I didn't write much of any essays when I was in high school. We basically did the fundamental reading and writing in an English high school class. So, when I was told this class was going to be just essays, I knew it would be a tough challenge. Yes, I have wrote a mere few essays in the past but writing more than 2 pages for an essay was a real pickle, because then I had to use more of my head to actually be able to learn and teach myself through every essay, I would write this year.

As I wrote essay 1, it wasn't bad because it was a simple compare and contrast essay. Just pretty much putting a Venn diagram and making it into a story. When it comes to comparing

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things, I'm top notch at what I do. I love finding the similarities and differences between one another. When I came to writing it and finding sources, I thought it would be a piece of cake for who I chose but being able to find sources that relate to detail was hard. I learned that not all essays are the same and that it takes more of the thoughts from the sources than it does yours because it isn't really a personal essay. The mistakes I made throughout this essay was a lot, but it was basically the minor things like formatting issues, and I didn't fully explain or actually choose a side without saying who's side I was truly on. The things I would change, if I could are probably how I wrote the article because I feel like I kind of worded it weirdly and didn't thoroughly explain it all. So, I could just write it so it could make even more sense and could've got a better grade.

Essay 2 was a real struggle. It was really hard to do, and I honestly think it was the worst essay I have ever wrote. All my junior year we wrote rhetorical essays and I thought what I did was correct, but since I never had time to be able to actually physically write the essay itself, so I decided to read other articles and just steal words from them and not being able to actually explain it by paraphrasing and getting a better grade. What I learned throughout this essay is more of a mental thing, which is life isn't easy and you can't always just slip through the cracks. I thought I could do that by using words from other articles instead of paraphrasing all of it so I can get a whole new idea. But instead, I did what I wanted to do just so I could possibly turn it in and just get a decent passing grade. Another thing I have learned throughout this essay is that it's hard to chooses a path to disagree or agree with a rhetoric argument, but it truly doesn't matter in

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a rhetorical analysis. The mistakes I made on this essay was pretty much explanatory. This time I didn't do any MLA format errors, but I didn't get enough articles to back up my rhetoric argument and tried extending it more by using word for word cites. The one thing I would change is pretty much all of it. I would erase the whole essay like it was never there. I would restart by actually using my words (without making it personal) and find more cites that could have helped backed up what I truly wanted to say so instead I could've got a better grade so I can be able to pass the semester.

My third essay wasn't as bad as 2 I think it was almost as easy as 1 to me. I don't know how I did on it, but it felt more like summarizing each and every annotated bibliography. Even though I wasn't able to be in class because of personal issues I still thought what I did was right in a matter of an annotated bibliography essay. What I learned throughout this essay is that I am really good when it comes to paraphrasing or summarizing anything and putting it into my own words if I actually decide to try on my work. And since I actually did what was written in the rubric, I think the essay turned out pretty good. Also, I learned more about my major and what I really want to follow through on in business administration and how things truly work in the business field. The mistakes I made on this wasn't much really. I think I could've found more ways to elaborate what I had to say without using weird repetitive words that made it seem like it was just a big runoff sentence. But I think I seemed to pull it off and make it into a really great annotated bibliography essay which is merely just a bunch of summarizations of each citing you had to do for your topic. Last but not least, the changes I could've made towards this essay