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# Self Assessment Essay

This was a semester of a lot of learning and challenges on this course. It was very good to be challenged on my time management skills to be able to handle such a big amount of assignments and essays to write one after the other. In each assignment I had achieve a better understanding of my skills as an writer and I was able to come closer to the outcomes expected for this course as well.

Firstly about the learning outcome that is "Locate research sources (including academic journal articles, magazine and newspaper articles) in the library's databases or archives and on the Internet and evaluate them for credibility, accuracy, timeliness, and bias", the research essay was extremely helpful. I think it also illustrates well the outcome that says "Compose texts that integrate a stance with appropriate sources, using strategies such as summary, analysis, synthesis, and argumentation". I did address this points on the reflection writing assignment that we had:

"I did research on google academic and took quotes from books I know about the topic;

I took in consideration if the sources were contributing to my points;

I think I would pay more attention in creating a stronger counter argument and organizing better the database from the works I quoted'

For the points that involved "Recognize and practice key rhetorical terms and strategies when engaged in writing situations."; "Develop strategies for reading, drafting, collaborating, revising, and editing" and "Explore and analyze, in writing and reading, a variety of genres and rhetorical situations." the Field Observation Of An Online Community assignment was the most remarkable.

The whole dynamics about having to create and organize field-notes really made me more skillful in all those situations that required a more strategic approach to writing. Besides that, the fact that I had to deal with collecting information from a specific website in a specific non interactive way also did cast a light on dealing with different rhetorical practices and situations, as I did write in the reflection for this assignment:

"I had to adapt a bit to the requirements of the paper as I was looking to the community in a non interactive way, as well as trying to incorporate the other users points of view to my composition which was great to expand my tools and skills as a writer. Taking field notes was an actually new and helpful part of the creative process. It was a very important resource to add density and substantially to the essay.'

About the first learning outcome that states "Examine how attitudes towards linguistic standards empower and oppress language users", I think our fist assignment the most was the Transcultural Interview assignment, where I had to deal with a big amount of information from my interview with my roommate related to our linguistic challenges as immigrants in the US, which contemplated our process of being more empowered here by language and achieving a stronger linguistic justice in our day by day living. Here is what I wrote as a reflection for this assignment, trying to talk about our relationship with language and the identity that we share as Latinxs and how did it impact our experience here.

"I had a really good learning outcome seeing that our living here share a lot of important values, and they commonly contrast a lot from our other interactions here both financially and socially, regarding the whole experience of immigrating to the US to study abroad. I think this was very powerful and enhanced the trust of both of us in our cultural worldview, and we felt supported by each other to see how those things contrast with people from the North American and European backgrounds of living here."

The learning outcome of "Understand and use print and digital technologies to address a range of audiences" was also very present in the Field Observation of An Online Community assignment. We had to deal with a completely random and unpredictable group of people, members of the observed community. As well as the fact that it was all based in a digital community as the main source for collecting the data.

I think it was an overall very fruitful experience and very nourishing to my skills as writer and student of the English language as my second language. It was one more step towards a more liberated experience of expressing myself to the world and the world to myself using the tool of the English language as framework. I was able to develop in my understandings of the language mechanics and to develop better communication skills as an writer and a speaker.

I'm grateful to this course and hope to keep improving and learning more in the near future.