In the first 5 weeks of college, I completed my first college essay and a couple of journals as I step foot in a new environment. I haven’t grown yet due to finding the preferences of my teachers and I’m still learning the rights and wrongs of college writing. As there is a difference between college and high school writing.

In the first essay, I utilized it as a learning tool for my writing as I used what I already knew which resulted in a horrific grade. Planning to gain experience in my first essay will prepare me to get the best grade on the next essays and to forget the accidents I developed in high school. These accidents include using you which results in a nonacademic tone, and sentence structures like comma splices and run-on sentences. I also didn’t participate in peer review during class time as I feel like the students are in the class for not being good enough to write at the college level like myself. So, I asked a student already in the freshman English class to review my essay.

Also, I didn’t utilize the time in class on my essay so I completed it in my dorm. A couple of hours was used on this essay and I feel like it wasn’t enough as my grade agrees. But the first essay taught me lessons like using ‘you’ in a sentence is considered unprofessional as I was never told by any English teacher, which was new to me. In this essay, I also received a 1 for clarity/syntax and conventions which includes me using you and having run-on sentences and such plague my essay.

The first essay is always important to me because I learned what was expected from my professor to get the best grade possible. With this being said now that I know the preferences of my professor the next essay will be a drastic change grade and writing-wise. In the essay, the sentences structured coherently as I received a 3 for my purpose. I included good examples to further my argument resulting in a 4 for content but the mistakes I made ruined my grade. On essay 2

I plan on using words of higher education and to delete the word ‘you’ out of my vocabulary so I can create an academic tone in my writing. In this essay, I received a 2.7 out of 5 which isn’t like me so I know I can do better and improve with the help of others. So next time I need to be more open to criticism and to use the writing center as it is here to aid me.