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## **ESSAY 4**

### **Describe the steps in your writing process**

My writing process has changed in a very significant way compared to the first day of the semester. Thanks to this class, I have been able to organize my thoughts and, through the basic rules of writing, put them into a blank piece of paper. Also, in order to come up with a good-looking essay, there are some essential steps that needed to be followed. Each person manages these steps personally, even though there is a rubric to follow. My writing process is characterized by planning, summarizing the ideas, and transforming these thoughts into words and coherent sentences.

Out of these 3 major steps, I would say having a good planned sketch of what is going to be the main idea of what I want to say is fundamental. In fact, in my opinion, it is the most important step. I am not able to create a coherent essay without knowing what I am going to say, so I usually spend an hour or so to come up with the ideas the paragraphs. I know this is going to help me a lot in the future, because when it comes to write research papers, it is fundamental to know what I am going to explain.

Secondly, once I have my planned procedure, what I do is to summarize all the concepts. I need to put all the relevant information in 5 different paragraphs, figuring out what would be the thesis, the three main support reasons, and finally, the conclusion. When I first came to the United States, I did not know what the basics for a good-looking essay were, so thanks to this

class I have been able to, step by step, learn the basics. The difference between the first essay and the last one I did for this class is very significant. For example, the thesis must contain the three main support reasons of your point of view, which I did not include in the first essay.

Lastly, this step is probably the hardest of all three. Transforming these thoughts into words is challenging for me, since my first language is not English. The use of the dictionary has been one of my daily actions, for other classes as well, even though all my classes are math-related classes, sometimes I need to look a word up in order to understand the sense of a problem. This is also the part I need to keep working on. It is understandable, since it has been 3 months since I landed here in Virginia and my English needs to improve.

My writing process has been a roller coaster since the beginning of the semester. Fortunately, I could find a path to follow, lead by planning, summarizing, and writing. I know this will help me during my career preparation, and I also know I will be always learning different skills of writing and I will have to adjust the way I create essays to match the purpose of companies and, here in ODU, other different classes.

