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Reflection Paper

I am aiming for a Spanish Major. I typically struggle with writing and putting my thoughts in Spanish onto paper. In my other Spanish courses, we had to write a research paper at the end of the semester. We did not go over them. However, this is when this course comes into play. It has helped me in many categories when it comes to writing, especially writing a research paper; as the course proceeded, my peers and our professor reviewed this document every step to give us input and put us back on track.

My first language is Spanish; my parents taught me how to speak it. However, I learned how to write in Spanish when I was 16 or 17 when I would practice at home. Nowadays, there are a handful of students who only speak Spanish. These students can feel welcome if another student can build a bridge and communicate with them. I took Spanish 1 in High School and noticed that I struggled a lot with the grammar/ writing portion. I wanted to be a teacher, so I decided to Major in Spanish to become one. I started my journey at Tidewater Community College and then went to Old Dominion University. When I graduate, I will become a teacher; this is where my topic comes into play.

Being able to use research skills is always an advantage. When I continue my education, I must keep using my research skills. Researching my topic has taught me more information than when I first started writing. My topic concerns my future, and I feel more educated about the subject than when I first picked it at the beginning of the semester. Seeing what school districts are doing for guns and teachers in the schools is essential to me. As I continue my journey to becoming a teacher, I will continue researching this topic because it is important to me.

As this course ends, I will keep the information we learned close by. Research and knowing how to research is precious because it expands our knowledge. Writing in Spanish will be something I have decided to continue to pursue because I want to enhance my skills. These skills will help me and my future students in the classroom. When I teach Spanish in high school, I will ask my students to do a research paper and use steps similar to those we used in this course. It is an excellent way for students to take time to work on their essays. Allowing them to make a video presentation is also going to help them. This course allowed me to look outside the box and really use my Spanish skills.