

Reflection Essay

In this class I have learned a bit more when compared to my highschool. I learned how to use proper sentence structure and things beyond the lines of that. After taking this course now I can have a conversation compared to before when I could only say some words and phrases that some Spanish speakers said. Although I did learn a lot it was not without challenges. When taking the course I struggled with the endings and pronunciation. To help overcome this challenge I studied the endings repeatedly until I thought I had a grasp on it. To help overcome the pronunciation I said words repeatedly until I believed I said it good enough and I would listen to native Spanish speaker videos for words and listen to how they say them. Lastly, are the biggest strengths in the course. In the course my biggest strength was my pronunciation since I spent the most time on it to improve to sound as natural and as fluent as possible.

Exploring Culture

Some practices that gave me insight to the culture was looking up statistics and information about specific Spanish speaking countries. This information was either about the colleges , programs, graduation rates, and oftentimes dialect or words that had different meanings in other Spanish speaking countries.

Culture Reflection

In learning their culture I have become even more respectful and even gained even more respect for Spanish speaking countries. Learning about the culture helped me learn about their cultural rituals which in turn made me more appreciative. I also became more thankful of how bright and vibrant their culture appears to be when compared to other countries. Learning the culture also meant I challenged the views of Americans and their food choices. This information made me question why Americans lead toward fast food as opposed to home cooking and healthy eating.

Engaging in communities

It is important to learn about and engage conversation in your community because it affects future generations. These conversations also can help one understand what is going on as opposed to being surprised when changes occur. To add on, it is important to learn about other world cultures because it can make one more appreciative of that culture. It also opens new doors for one to explore and eventually can give someone the opportunity to travel to where they learned about these cultures.

Presentational Speaking

In taking the course there were multiple speaking portions. These portions were sometimes and for the most part easy. Although they were easy that doesn't mean that sometimes these were not challenging.

Presentational Essay

When doing presentational speaking in the class one of the main challenges I faced was getting cold shoulders and being scared to talk to the professor in Spanish. To overcome this I simply just took deep breaths to slow my heart rate and kept mentally telling myself everything is gonna be alright. Another challenge I faced was that of being afraid to speak in front of people. To overcome this challenge I told myself mentally that no one was looking at you and it helped me. But in the class one of the main things I would do differently now that I am almost finished is being less nervous so I can speak better.

Presentation Writing

Some of the writings that I read were that from the textbook. The textbook introduced me to a wide array of text about culture and pronunciation.

Presentation writing essay

In class we were introduced to many writing pieces. In reading these writing pieces I have gained knowledge of new words and vocabulary. Aside from that I have also learned a miniscule amount about the tenses. Some challenges I faced though was not knowing some words which made it difficult to understand the pieces.