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Reflective Essay

I've always had bad writing skills, but my college English classes have helped me improve my skills in writing. This semester I learned a lot of things to better my writing skills. When I first started, I would often get stuck when writing or I did not know how to start. I would sit at my computer and stare at a blank page. Then I would think of topics that interest me dealing with what we had to write. I would pick the topic I knew I could get more information from and start researching things about that topic. After I got enough information on my subject, then I would begin to write out my paper. We did peer editing through comments and then would revise our papers from the comments made. At first, I was not on board with peers editing my essays because I thought that they would make up things to get it over with, or they would not know what to say so I really could not change anything on my papers. After doing it and reading my feedback from my peers and teacher I liked the peer editing portion. It gave me different feedback from multiple people and was very helpful in the end. I also liked that the teacher gave feedback and not just my peers. These past few weeks with writing papers has been a challenge at times, but I got through them all and did the best of my ability on all my papers. For my topics, I have chosen a variety of topics to talk about ranging from cigarettes being a social issue

to the effects of having overprotective parents. I chose to talk about a very controversial commercial dealing with Colin Kaepernick and his Nike ad. I liked this commercial because it has a lot of meaning behind it. In the commercial, he narrates about people following their dreams and telling them they can reach their goals no matter what. He says not to compare themselves to other people and be the best that they can be. It shows people of a different race, disabilities, etc doing what they genuinely love. The commercial also appeals to ethos and pathos. I also choose to talk about nursing throughout one's career in college. I found this interesting to talk about because I am pursuing a career in nursing. This journey so far has been kind of difficult already as a freshman so I can only imagine the future. This field is very popular and hard to get into. Nursing majors have to take specific courses like anatomy physiology, chemistry, and bacteriology. I did not find anatomy physiology difficulty I did find chemistry hard and struggled. Me struggling in a class that is for my major effects my GPA and it is a big part of getting accepted into the nursing program. There is always grade forgiveness to do, but I am already put behind by this. Little things like this makes the program very hard to get through. Lots of nursing majors have to change their major because of simple things like this. Overall I have learned more about my writing and have expanded my thoughts and mind when it comes to writing papers.