

Stephen Saintcyr

Professor: Bobbie Whitehead

English 110c

Stephen Reflection

Reflecting on what I've learned, I will examine three key concepts: rhetorical devices, the rhetorical situation, and managing the writing process. These have been of immense help in refining my writing skills and have enriched my knowledge of how to communicate better. In this essay, I propose to describe how these ideas have been helpful in my writing, how they have shifted my course, and why applying such notions has helped enhance my writing abilities and critical appraisal.

Rhetorical Devices

It was very helpful to learn about ethos, pathos, and logos. It helped me succeed in the class as these rhetorical devices enabled me to advance arguments. Ethos strengthened my testimonial by referring to authoritative sources, pathos stirred the passions of my readers, and logos appealed to reason by providing a clear line of reasoning. For instance, in an argumentative essay, I appealed to ethos through expert quotations, pathos by recalling a personal story, and logos through statistical information.

The Rhetorical Situation

Learning and applying the concept of the rhetorical situation (topic, audience, purpose, angle, context) changed my approach to writing. Regarding this course, I never thought of my audience or why I was writing. Now, I always try to define these elements before proceeding

with any task. For instance, when addressing a professional or academic audience, I write formally and back up my arguments with facts.

Managing the Writing Process

Earlier, I used to go through the assignments quickly and was always drowning in time management issues. I can now write in an organized manner because of what I have learned about breaking down tasks, planning, drafting, and revising. The use of deadlines for each phase of the project has encouraged me to work harder and lowered my stress levels.

Conclusion

The concepts of rhetorical devices, rhetorical situations, and managing the writing process have impacted my writing in several ways. They have assisted me in writing fluently, addressing my audience, and organizing my time. I am confident that I can apply these lessons in my future work.