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Cover Letter

I always loved writing. To me, that is the fun part of any English class you take. Having the ability to be concise and explain yourself clearly while using effective and creative styles to appeal to your audience gives me a sense of gratitude. During Phase 1 of my English 110 class, I learned a lot about my writing skills and my reading comprehension. I always thought I was a decent writer until I took this college course, which helped me to realize how important and effective your words can become once you know how to construct them. Working on my Spoken and Written Language and Literacy assignments taught me the importance of reading to increase your vocabulary and increase your conciseness and efficiency in your writing. It also has given me the chance to practice in areas I am weak in such as reading comprehension, syntax, and diction.

The materials given in this phase has deepened my understanding of current day issues in the world. Granted, I already knew about the difficulties of children of immigrant parents (I am one myself!) and its effect on the child’s social skills and career choices. I also know of the realities that black people face and how far it dates back. However, reading about it from a personal point of view like Amy Tan or June Jordan gave me insight on the emotions these individuals are experiencing daily. Because of this, while working on my assignments, I made it my goal to make my writing very personal and descriptive. I spent time on google researching words that describe a situation specifically or evokes a specific emotion in my reader. I used pictures and videos as well as making my voice emotive as I spoke in my SLLN. My intended audience was for anybody who is listening. I didn’t have a specific group in mind I just wanted to connect with whoever was listening and inspire.

Out of all the concepts and terms we worked with, rhetoric has impacted my learning and my writing practices immensely. Your style of writing has great influence on how your audience listens and comprehend your writing. Working with this concept has shed light on areas of my skills that need improvement. I need to improve my reading comprehension skill and being able to dissect the text to better understand what the writer wants to convey. Using words that better describe what I am trying to say. I have developed a strategy for reading, drafting, collaborating, revising, and editing my work by constantly reviewing it. I read my sources repeatedly and from all possible angles. I constantly change the placement of my sentences and my word choice to make my writing more eloquent. These assignments have shown me parts of myself that I can improve, and develop skills that go beyond the classroom (or laptop screen in this situation haha).