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My Reflective Letter

I realize that my writing has clear and well developed. I have grown a lot since my last semester of 2011. As a reader I am now able to analyze different sources of work. I realize that as a writer I have been really bad with my grammar and sentence structures. I noticed that I would always lose points because of my grammar, sentence and style. However, my essays have been really developed in content and organization. I try to give credit to work that is not mine.

I learned about comma splices and run on sentences. I usually have problems with my sentences being too long or being incorrect in structure. I learned to correctly use the MLA citation. I learned about informal fallacies. This semester was the first I have ever heard about informal and formal fallacies. This was the most interesting and challenging because I have encountered some of these fallacies in life but I never knew that they were not correct. It was very challenging for me to remember all the informal fallacies.

The most helpful feedback was when I would receive my papers before submitting the final draft. I learned how to structure my sentences correctly and how to fix my grammar. The least helpful feedback was from my peers. The peer reviews did not help me. The things that the students would point out I already know but when I receive feedback from the professor, I would learn to identify other problems.

If I were to analyze my writing style I would say that it needs a lot of improvement. I do believe that my sentences need to contain concrete images of what I am trying to explain and reiterate the main topic. The content is well supported. Although my writing may contain lot of errors, it is easily understood. My greatest strength as a writer is the content that my essays have. They are usually well supported with evidence from many different sources. I have always tried to move from writing

awkward sentences to having good sentence structure. I know it will take a lot of practice to overcome this.

I decided that this was my best essay but the grade and the feedback from the teacher. Although it was the third highest grade I knew that I was able to take it the best essay if I use my professor's critique and transform it into a mega essay. I decided that this essay needed a lot of development so I chose to revise it. There were many points that I heeded to.

I believe my final portfolio reveals that as a writer, I am willing to improve and develop my writing. It also shows that as a reader, I have learned to analyze and to critique the work of others. My portfolio has revealed that I am a determined student and I try to improve in whatever way I can. I am open to critique and it makes me respect the opinion of others.

I appreciate these questions because they have made me really think about myself as a writer, reader and researcher. I learned how to evaluate my own writing. What I love about this portfolio is that it allows me to correct my mistake and has given me a chance to get a better grade.