

Final Reflection

I decided to take this PacePrep course to get a head start on my studies and to get into the swing of having homework, assignments, and daily lessons. So far I've spent a week on the English Module and I can say it is definitely not what I expected. Nonetheless, I have been nothing but positively surprised. It's been difficult to keep myself on a schedule considering I work 2 jobs, but with every lesson that's been given, I've taken away a new or different way of thinking.

As excited as I am to move to NYC from California in less than a month, I know that difficult and stressful times lie ahead just as much as the positive and exciting ones. I'm preparing myself for the unexpected and fully intend on taking advantage of my opportunity, but now, I can confidently say that I can start my college career with alternative views taken from different perspectives in scholarly journals, blogs, and lengthy articles that I never would have read on my own. In this short week I've learned to be open and bold when it comes to thinking critically and to make the most sense out of a situation that I possible can at the time with an ethical approach. I've also learned that it is important to exercise my creativity as much as possible.

As much as I'd hate to say that my favorite article to read was the shortest one, "Why I Hire English Majors" was, hands down, the one I enjoyed the most. Although I'm not an English major and have never had the desire to be one, this article showed me which qualities an all around good employee should possess and why. We can say that this piece pertained to me mostly because I'm an eager young student who wants nothing more than to be a professional and please the higher rankings of her first major career, but that is not the main reason why. I loved hearing the passion in the text as Steve Strauss confidently shares why he enjoys having English majors as employees the most. The fact that they are different and not the cookie-cutter, suit and tie robots with an impressive resume that most companies strive for. Instead, he looks for an overall learner and achiever who allows themselves to think freely, but meet the demands of whichever task needs to be finished.

My ePortfolio demonstrates that I enjoy being organized and having links, documents, etc., easily accessible and ready at my fingertips. I feel that visual aids help a lot when it comes to bringing out information in important topics and also make a presentation pleasing to the eye so someone will most likely take more interest in what you have to say. Additionally, I'm a hands on learner and usually will not give up on something unless I have a full understanding and grasp of what is being presented. I hope anyone who visits my portfolio will be able to see how determined I am to advance myself in my studies and will do whatever I can to achieve my dreams.

I intend on going into Pace with an open mind and hope to keep my head held high and keep in the right path. I'm excited to branch out and test my freedom and individuality, but I also want to make sure that I keep within my limits and stay reasonable when it comes to time management. I feel that I am mentally and emotionally prepared for my next move and can't wait to add more achievements to the list.