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MA#3 Reflection

This course (English 1001) has been a roller coaster ride, but at the same time I have had opportunities to learn new stuff that is used in writing. Before coming into this course, I have to say I thought I knew most of the stuff that I will be learning, but the course really took me by surprise and ended up teaching me something new things I had never heard of. My theory of writing was much simpler and different from what your theory must be as a college level student. Throughout this course, my writing skills, writing theory and writing process has evolved in many ways.

The first thing I learned being part of this course is that, writing isn't just about expressing your thoughts, ideas and feelings into words. It's also about researching when needed and using evidences to support your claims. It's important to use evidences to support your claims because it makes your paper creditable, more realistic and believable to the audience. Writing is also about using different types of genres for certain group of people. I think the genres is one of the most important factors in writing because it sets the setting of the story and the tone of the story.

Throughout the course we have explored some key terms; audience, genres, discourse, rhetorical situation etc. Before taking this course, I had decent self-taught knowledge about

writing. My knowledge about writing did include research and the audience the rest I had no idea about. I had no idea about the discourse community, rhetorical situation and I had audience before, but I never thought about it in depth. We also explored different genres and tried understanding them better and tried understanding how it should be used.

The first major assignment didn't take much effort, which might be the reason I thought the course would lot like high school English class but was a mistake to think that. During the course I am sure all the students had to explore though many rhetorical choices creating our project. Despite the first two assignment, the third assignment we've done was different because there we had to choose three different genres to portray the second assignment (Research report). Another reason it was difficult because the genre needed to be engaging and the it was so much of information to portray in three different types of genre. Having to research which genre to use and which site is easier to use was quite a difficult situation.

It was important to keep the audience in mind while planning every paper because the popularity of the paper depends on the amount of people it reaches out to. I tend to choose the audience depending on the requirement of the paper. I can't select a topic to write about until I know the what the requirements are than I can use the sense to figure out which topic I can talk about and be easier to research about.