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MA#4: Reflection-in-Presentation.

I have chosen to do my reflection as an essay because I want to keep practicing and help myself get better at it. I also find writing essay easier than having to do it as a different genre and it might be because I am used to typing more than finding other ways to do it. Even though, trying new things is always a way to learn new things and material, but I don't want to risk anything, because this is for grade. The goal of my reflection is to discuss about what I have learned about writing though out this course and how my writing theory has evolved through out this course.

What is writing.? Google defines writing as "Writing is a medium of human communication that represents language with signs and symbols". Everyone has their definition of what writing is and mine could be different from others. Google defines writing with historical connection, but I define writing bit differently. For me, writing is when you have an idea or feelings that you want to express it to people through piece of any type of writing with an involvement of any kind of genre.

There are different types of writing which requires different ways of thinking. Such as, when you're writing something to persuade people into something, you present that differently than how you would present your personal narrative. Every piece of work is created with certain

group of people in mind called the audience. Writing theory is an important factor to have because it's the process that guides your paper. In order to write any kind of paper, you must know how to start, where to start and what are the right information to include on your paper. I have different writing theories for different types of writing.

We have all used some form of writing in our lives. Either in school, just something for someone or something to someone. I don't do much of anything related to writing. I don't find writing useful in our daily lives and it's probably because we don't write pages of reports or essays in daily basis. It's very useful and important skill to have, but we don't use it every day. I have learned decent amount about writing and most of my writing knowledge is whatever I have learned in high school.

Before college, I didn't think much about writing and it might be because I thought it wouldn't be any different than what I have already learned in high school. I knew there would be more reading and longer writing assignments to do. Coming into English 1001, my theory of writing was the same from high school. Another reason I didn't thought much about writing is because my major doesn't require me to write long paragraphs or anything more than what I had to do in high school. So, the theory was pretty much look over the requirement of the paper and write the paper with your knowledge and some research.

After being part of English 1001, my writing style and theory has slightly evolved with each piece of composing. My writing has become more complex because my writing theory has evolved and now it's bit more detailed and mostly fill layers of information that will support the requirements for the work. Now, my writing theory involves in depth research, set of audience, type of genre and more detailed evidences and claims to keep my writing engaging. There isn't a professional/writing term for my theory, but I call it "Going by the flow". The way my theory

work is, first, I go over what the requirements are. Second, possible topics exploration. Third, targeting audience. Then, I will do some research about the topic and see if I can gather up enough information to support my research questions and provide me with some textual evidences. Lastly, I write my piece with the audience in mind. Writing can be boring, but it can also be the art form that can inspire others.

There are many things that contributes to your writing. One of the most import contribution you can make to your writing is time. I would say time was one of the biggest contributions to my theory because as high school student I didn't have to work as hard to do any of my writing and I did good in high school writing. But, as time went by in English 1001, I learned there is lot more into writing than jut putting your thoughts into paper. Time taught me it's important to give your paper time to develop more depth research and time to write because you get new ideas to express your thoughts all the time. You might come up with different ideas or words to express the information you have already written on previous paragraph or scenario.

The relationship between the theory of writing and knowledge is very close because theory of writing is something you learn, and knowledge is also something you teach/learn through practice, collaboration and interaction. My theory of writing didn't come to me naturally. I taught myself the theory and I learned more as I became part of this course (English 1001). Knowledge is similar. It's what you already know about the topic you're working on, some self-taught, or some learned in the group. I created my knowledge through books or practice. I believe more you practice, better you get at it because more you teach your self more knowledge you will gain.

Anyone's theory of writing should be able to be applied to other writing situations both inside and outside because when you're writing something, you're expressing your feelings and

ideas into words. The theory of writing is like a guide that helps you maintain your piece of work so it can help the audience understand the plot and the theme of your work. You will still have to follow the same guide to write any situational writing. For Example: if you're writing about something that's not related to school related or than you will still have to know the audience, which genre you will be writing on and if you're going to have any emotional appeal to it so the audience you're sending/writing it to can relate to the work you've served them with.

I have learned a lot in this course. Even though, it was just a semester (around 4-5 months) this course offered so much to learn. I think after this course, I will see much more improvement in my writing and will also have better understanding about different ways I could present my piece of work.