

Reflection

Throughout this course, I learned how to become a more confident writer by learning about how to compose a well thought out project. By learning about genres, I am able to carefully curate exactly what I want to include in my writing, and build off of it. Also, by learning how to know whether a source is credible by using the CRAAP test allows me to be able to determine if a source is worth adding in my assignments. This is a main reason why I included my project 1 CRAAP test to my portfolio, as I feel as though it really helped me become a better writer. By learning about the importance of genres, I was able to develop project 2 and 3 in a more thought out way. I have always been a strong writer, and I feel that this class has allowed me to become an even stronger writer with use of these writing skills. Using rhetorical strategies such as learning the differences between ethos, logos, and pathos has allowed me to analyze my work as well as my research to understand what is being portrayed. Especially when trying to find research, it is important to understand and critically analyze each work to get a greater understanding of what the author(s) are trying to explain. For each of my projects I was able to use my knowledge of rhetorical strategies to be able to create knowledgeable and carefully composed pieces. I also included my inventions project in the showcase section as I feel that it was very helpful for me to really understand how different artifacts can be used to create a piece, and not just articles. It also includes genres so that I was able to get a better understanding of how genres can be used in context of creating framework for a project. For my project 2 revision, I made sure to follow the comments that were left on my final draft. There were not too many comments, as I has already done fairly well on my assignment, but I just made sure to go back and edit components that could have been worded better or switched around. For example, on the part where I included Larry Chambers' commentary on the misdiagnosis of Alzheimer's, I made sure to include what his credentials were as a way to validate his opinion. If I had just left it as his name, then the reader would have been confused as to if any of what he was saying was credible. By adding that he is a scientific adviser, the reader is able to understand that what he is saying is from a source of research. By reading the comments that were left, I was able to really get an accurate grasp of where to start my revisions, as I was left with suggestions as to what to include and exclude. These suggestions are extremely helpful as a guideline of what to fix, and I am able to learn from these suggestions for future writing. I truly feel that this class has helped me become a better writer, which I can use for my lifetime of research papers and other projects. S