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Reflective Essay

Writing has not always been my forte, and initially, I used to employ every play within a student's playbook to avoid writing. My fears and anxieties about writing were wearing me down, and I believed that avoiding it was the best solution I could come up with. However, at my current stage of education, writing is essential, and my plan started to fail as writing became unavoidable. I feared writing and but it gradually dawned on me that it is crucial that I get over my fears and work on improving my writing skills.

I have always been shy and having my weaknesses paraded has never been a popular thought with me, and hence my first weakness was self-doubt. As an insecure person, it became increasingly difficult to let other people help me much less talk to them about my problems. Consequently, I became a victim of self-doubt and this impacted my writing negatively. I reached a point where I did not trust my ideas and exposing my vulnerabilities was not something I could bring myself to do. However, as soon as I was able to face my fears, I developed a desire to overcome my fear of writing. I started to write more, and my mistakes were being exposed which helped me to focus on those areas more and slowly, but surely I have

taken huge strides in becoming a good writer. Becoming an exceptional writer will indeed take a lot of time, but nothing seems far-fetched right now.

I experienced growth in some areas in my quest to grow my writing skills. One of the areas includes my storytelling abilities. Initially, I could not manage to a good much less average narrative essay. However, I have shown consistent growth in it, but I believe that I still have time and room to do better and improve further. The story is different for my persuasion skills because of all the essays we wrote on, I showed significant improvement in my persuasive essay. I always want to feel like I am making significant progress in my writing and while I am yet to become better in writing persuasive essays, it is necessary to note that I have indeed shown improvement.

However, not everything was flowing smoothly because I also had some hurdles and still feel like I can do better in some other areas. For example, in descriptive essays. While writing the descriptive essay, I felt like the progress I had made in writing evaporated because I had to redo it several times. This essay by far presented me with the most difficult challenge. While it was not as hard as the descriptive essay, the expository essay also challenged me. The level of difficulty was, of course, different, but I felt like I could do better the moment I finished and submitted the task. While these two were challenging, the next tasks seemed to assure me that my hard work was indeed paying off. Apparently, I did a great job in my literary analysis assignments. Both assignments made me realize that while I can still do better, my writing and I are on the right path.

The best strategy in writing has been reading widely. This strategy works, and I believe that it will continue to work for me in the foreseeable future. Another issue that helped me improve is the fact that I faced my fear of failing. This fear made it difficult for me to expose my weaknesses and vulnerabilities, but students need to realize that good writers open up about their fears whether in writing or face-to-face conversations. There is also no shame in letting people help you improve and therefore, students need to work with their teachers for them to improve. While it is hard to predict my score for this task, I believe that the growth and development I have exhibited and keep exhibiting will indeed help me become a better writer.