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Self-Assessment

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Benefits, Values, and Guiding Principles of

Self-Assessment



The FIQWS classes I took this semester helped me improve my ability to read and write as well as my presentation skill. Particularly in professor Metenko class, I have learned different ways of writing such as narrative, exploratory and chronology. With that being said, I was used to writing essays in a narrative way before I took this class. However, I have never experienced writing exploratory and chronology before. Therefore, I am really glad that I was able to learn new things throughout the semester because I am pretty sure that the knowledge I got from those writings will help me in writing upcoming essays in the next semester. As I am a multilingual student, writing essays helps me to write in proper grammar and learn more vocabularies that I could use in my upcoming essays.

I have also learned the way to create a portfolio on a website which I believe will also become a very useful tip in my future. In professor Maria's class, I improved mostly my speaking and organization skills as I did two presentations in her class. Throughout the semester, I clearly saw myself improving in my ability to present about the topic that I researched. The reading also played a big role in her class as we had to do discussions on blackboard every single week since the beginning of the semester. This is why at the end of the semester, I feel like I gained so much knowledge about architecture and the history of New York City.

Rewrite the following passive voice examples into active voice. Do NOT change the verb tense.

Class Practice

1. It is expected by Management that the rules will be followed by the staff.
2. The building has been left by Elvis
3. The sentiments of the speaker were applauded.

Individual Practice

1. It was proven by Atticus that the crime was not committed by the accused.

Atticus proved that the crime was not committed by the accused.

2. The site will be excavated as soon as permission is granted by the municipality.

The site will be excavated as soon as permission is granted by the municipality.

3. Change the following PASSIVE VOICE sentences into ACTIVE VOICE ones.

The following PASSIVE VOICE sentences

4. Saffron is cultivated in Spain and in Iran.

Spain and Iran cultivate saffron.

5. This play was first performed in ancient Greece.

Ancient Greece first performed this play.

6. Her rice pudding was loved by her friends and family alike.

Her friends and family alike love her rice pudding.

7. His cat's collar will be designed by a famous craftsperson.

A famous craftsperson will design his cat's collar.

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I still remember the activities that we did in the class which helped me write the essays or discussions in a better way. In the class, we tried to rewrite the passive voice examples into active voices. We also practiced paraphrasing by reading the material provided by the professor on the blackboard. Those activities, I feel, were beneficial to me in a way that I am now able to easily paraphrase almost every paragraph.

5. While the Sears Tower is arguably the greatest achievement in skyscraper engineering so far, it's unlikely that architects and engineers have abandoned the quest for the world's tallest building. The question is: Just how high can a building go? Structural engineer William LeMessurier has designed a skyscraper nearly one-half mile high, twice as tall as the Sears Tower. And architect Robert Sobel claims that existing technology could produce a 500-story building. From Ron Bachman, "Reaching for the Sky." Dial (May 1990): 15.



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Paraphrase

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Regardless of how many great things we have invented before, we still want to create things that are way more superior and better. Likewise, engineers and architects are still wondering about how high they can build a building although one of the greatest skyscrapers called Sears Tower was built in history. The statement mentioned the great question "Just how high can a building go?" to keep people in their curiosity. With that being said, engineers such as William LeMessurier and Robert Sobel tried to innovate the skyscraper which is double the height of the Sears Tower and pointed out the fact that we could actually build a 500-story building as we have well-developed technology nowadays respectively. From Ron Bachman, "Reaching for the Sky." Dial (May 1990): 15.

To Talk about the narrative essay that I wrote, as I have mentioned before I have written several essays in different forms including the narrative type essay. I have also read the stories that are written in the form of narrative and learned some techniques to write a good narrative. To reflect on my narrative essay, it tells a story because as I follow the narrative arc, it is clear in the first paragraph that there was conflict that needed to be resolved and the issue started to become clearer in the second paragraph. As we can see in the picture below, the professor pointed out a few grammar mistakes I made and I also put some of the really long sentences in the second paragraph. Based on this, I believe I need to write

shorter sentences to avoid making confusing to the readers. I tried to convey the message in the writing by choosing the right words and emotions so that the readers could actually feel the experience I went through.

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The Place that Brightened My Future

"I'm doing this for better..." I mumbled while unconsciously walking towards the place where I was supposed to go. My emotions were undemonstrative and in a state of misery. I wondered, if I have made one of the best choices in life.

In 2019, I arrived in New York after a roughly 24-hour journey from Yangon, Myanmar, thinking anxiously about what I would do with my future. My English was nonexistent and it is something that everyone would make fun of. After a few days, my father and I began our journey to search for the school but never imagined it would be challenging to find something that is suitable for me. We were at the subway and our glances clashed as my dad passed me a metrocard. Despite his grimace, he appeared to be in the same state of despair that I was at that moment. We consistently kept searching for schools but none of them met our expectations.

Fortunately, we finally stumbled upon the Manhattan International High School (MIHS), which subsequently turned into a place where I encountered a wide range of emotions and interactions with individuals from different cultures and backgrounds. The search for the school had come to an end at this point, and I could finally make out some optimism and sparkle in our faces.

Soon after, I started school, which is when my anxiousness returned. I couldn't have advanced to the eleventh grade because of my English. I was afraid to speak and show up in front of people. When I become too overwhelmed, I suddenly stop breathing, and everything was overwhelming at that time. Though I wished I had a different existence, and wanted to be

As a result of the peer review, I received some crucial feedback and suggestions. Both of my peers read my narrative essay and noticed how I struggled when I first arrived in the United States and how my interactions with teachers and friends from high school helped to turn all the negative aspects into good ones. Considering that it was a message I intended to convey to the readers, I was glad to receive that feedback.

Narrative Essay key features and grading criteria.

A well told story. A traditional story follows a narrative arc. Set up a situation that needs to be resolved and makes the reader want to continue reading. [40%]

Does the author follow the narrative arc? What is the situation that needs to be resolved?

The author does follow the narrative arc as he goes his thoughts on what it was like to first come to New York and the troubles that came with it and leads into the connections he has made in order to feel much more comfortable with his surroundings.

Vivid detail. Stimulate the senses of your reader by giving specific details of the objects and the surrounding environment. [30%]

Does the author use sensory details in their writing? Which ones stand out? Which ones need improvement?

The author does use sensory details in their writing as it was noticeable of the discomfort he felt in the beginning and then how thankful he is to be put in the position he was in (that being in his school). The author could've added more of the senses that he was feeling ~~more~~ once he reached college.

An indication of narrative significance. Make clear why this moment matters to you and show what impressions your experience left on you. What meaning do you want the reader to take away regarding your experiences? [20%]

Does the author indicate why this moment is important? How does the author do this, in one section or in multiple section?

The author does indicate why this moment was important ~~more~~ as he had labeled in his title "The Place that Brightened my future." This title is expressed throughout his story of why he felt this way and that things will only get better while being here.

Mechanics. Spelling, grammar, punctuation, and length criteria are correct. [10%]

Does the narrative feel complete? Or does the author need to provide the reader with more information?

More information could be added of his experiences in the US and even those back in his home country

Audience Engagement. Mark how engaged you were in each section of the essay.

Introduction: 😞 😐 😐 😊 😄 😏
 Body: 😞 😐 😐 😊 😄 😏
 Conclusion: 😞 😐 😐 😊 😄 😏



These two are the main sites where I got the information when I was researching about my topic. CCNY libraries helped me the most with finding the scholar sources that has reliable information.



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