

Self-Reflection Essay Portfolio #2

This portfolio has been a different experience for me. I don't think I have ever analyzed and evaluated text like this for an essay. I prepared for it very differently as well. I had to read the articles several times in order to cement the things they were trying to say in my head. This made it easier to summarize and make my work solid.

The most difficult part about this essay was trying not to take a side. I had to keep reminding myself that I was not supposed to do that because that was not what the prompt was asking of me. The assignment was to analyze and evaluate the articles, not try to justify one opinion over the other. I think that the reason this was hard for me was because I am used to doing research essays and that is just normally what I do. The easiest part of this essay was the introduction and the summaries. I found that that the introduction came to me a lot easier because we have kind of been working on it more. It seemed like there was more of a hook and it sounds more interesting than I would have previously written.

I have noticed a ton of improvements in my writing since the beginning of the year. I have learned a ton about keeping the reader in mind and trying to keep them engaged throughout the text. I have also improved a lot in using my voice throughout my writing. I am used to writing essays where extensive voice isn't really appropriate and the essays this year have helped me develop my voice a lot.

I didn't like the peer editing as much during this portfolio as much as the last one. I felt like there was so much to read that people kind of rushed through the editing so that they could finish. It didn't seem like there was as much helpful feedback as last time.

I learned a lot while doing this portfolio that has helped me with my writing in other classes. I have noticed that I use summaries and analysis a lot. I have to read articles for personal finance and summarize them and tell why it is important. This portfolio has taught me a lot about how to do that effectively. Overall, this evaluation essay was not my favorite to write, but very helpful.