

## Self-Reflective Essay

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So far, this English class has really helped me develop as a writer. I have increased my ability to write tremendously and have become more prepared to turn in a final product. So far this year I have practiced not only some of the steps necessary to go through the writing process, but all of them. Because of this, my writing has undergone many changes and has been enhanced greatly.

The skill that I have appreciated the most and will use most often in the future is free writing. Free writing helps me to get all of my ideas out on the paper and get my mind turning so that I can know what I want to write about. It helps me plan out what I'm going to talk about and help me decide how I want to talk about it. It also benefits me by getting my writing in order. That way, I know not only what I'm going to talk about and how I'm going to talk about it, but also where each sentence and paragraph belongs to make the paper more concise and easy to read.

Another process step that helped me was peer editing. I have never used peer editing to the extent that I did on the reflective essay and I realized that it helps quite a bit. I usually take criticism pretty well so peer editing made me look over my writing again and change it to make it better. My classmates gave me a new perspective on my writing and helped me to stay on topic with my writing. They helped to get rid of any unnecessary writing and add anything that needed to be in there in order to do the assignment well. Peer editing is a great process and I will definitely be using it again in the future.

One thing that I would really like to do differently is to spend more time focusing on the prompt and answering it completely. It would make the essay a lot easier if I could understand exactly what I needed to write about. That way I would not have to edit as much or do any

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unnecessary work. I could cut back on time and get the assignment done better. I would also be at ease more because I would have probably considered the audience better. That way I communicate directly to those that are reading my essay so they have less confusion about what I am writing.

My writing process has become more organized this year. It has helped my writing tremendously because I have every idea that I want to talk about already in my head before I even begin writing. I have especially loved free writing for that reason. It has also helped me in the revision process. I now know exactly how to revise to make my writing pieces better. One of these ways is peer editing. Through the revision process I have learned to go through my work and change it so that it may be the best that it can be. That way the finished product is much better than my original piece. The one thing that I could work on is the prompt. I need to focus on what it is asking and how I am going to answer it with the audience in mind. If I can keep improving the process of my writing, I know that my essays and any other writing will become better and easier to read for others, thus getting me a better grade and making me become a great writer.