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Theory of Writing/Reflection

The first thing we started doing at the beginning of the semester was the Profile. This piece too me was a very interesting on because I had never personally had to write my own profile about someone or something to make a profile. It was quite an experience I will say because I interviewed my boyfriend for my profile and listening to him talk about how the school was set up, what activities they offered at Job Corp. It was nice to learn more about a place that I have heard so much along with getting his insight on it as well. My profile did not contain much of his perspective of the school or anything because I did not think it would have fit well with the piece. Learning about Job Corp was really cool too because I had heard so much about it and that it was meant only for like people that really struggled in school and would drop out but come to find out it really wasn't it was really mean to anyone who decided that college or school wasn't for them. It was a very good experiences to go down there and see what it really all was about. Obviously for security reason I was not able to explore the building because it is a government building which was something I also did not know. It was pretty go to go down there and see the building and explore it for myself, it was like it was a school at one point in time because when you walk in it's like the hallway keeps going but they have it cut off at the second door when coming in. Also when I interviewed my boyfriend it was interesting how many after class activities that they had available to the students there also that the students didn't have to pay for anything at all, it was like college expect you don't pay for anything at all, also that they make trips to like the store and stuff so that the students can spend their money on things that they want. Its like a college expect it honestly seems kind of better. Some of the pieces that we had looked to help us with this Profile genre piece was: "You Can Never See Their Pants for Some Reason" Teen explains the VSCO girl-and why you never want to be one. This piece talks about VSCO girls and the profile that other people give them and how some girls are put into the VSCO girl category. An how VSCO girls become a popular trend. Another piece was "Going Home with Wendell Berry", this piece explains a profile of Wendel Berry.

Moving onto the Photo Caption piece, this piece was a really amazing piece to work on along with those who I worked with were really amazing, I never had fully understood exactly what a "Photo Caption" was, but I had did some research into Photo Captions and I found some really good stuff such as that a Photo Caption was basically like a "Top 5 Best ____" whatever category it was. It was amazing to do the Photo Caption with a group of amazing people. We did our Photo Caption on 2 different yet similar areas. The first one we had did was Anxiety in Children, an the other was Anxiety in Adulthood. We separated the 2 because we felt that it was better and would be much easier to understand rather than have both in the same piece. Then we had split up or group into 2 groups and 3 in each group, each group worked on section of the piece. We went over in the adulthood piece how to cope with anxiety and the different strategies to help with anxiety as an adult. We also had look at the different issues that can affect you as a

child that may also lead into your adulthood. In childhood things that may lead to anxiety as adult could be: Lack of emotional skills, Friendships, Self-esteem, Divorce Trauma, Death of Love a One. These things can be factors of anxiety into adulthood because these things can carry over with you for the rest of your live because of how big an impact that it can have on you. Such as Divorce Trauma because as a child you do not fully understand what it means to have your parents divorce. This is also something I learned about since I am a Social Work major, we learn that when parents divorce that it really does take a toll on a child and can impact them severely in many different ways, one of the ways could be that the child begins to have a much harder time in school because now they are having to go to two separate households. Some of the articles that we looked at for this piece to get an understand or an idea was: "Top 10 Fascinating Unfinished Paintings" this article was about how some art was unfinished and the explanation behind each picture as it was unfinished. Some examples are *The Adoration of The Magi* by Leonardo Da Vinci, and that it explains that the pictures s of a renaissance man working on his vocation.

In Returning To Our Readings the 4 articles that I choose to summarize and write a response to where "No One Could See the Color Blue Until Modern Times" and my response to this article was in this article it was a very good article to read because it was interesting to see and understand the breakdown of the color blue. Such as how back in history they would describe the color of the water as a wine type of color and never mentioned not once a color or any sort of blue. An how Jules did an experiment with a tribe that did not had a word for blue or anything. The experiment guy did with his daughter was cool because he never told his told or described the color of the sky to her in a way. Her response to when she looked up at the sky and said it was colorless was really cool, because do we only see the color blue because people say that something is blue, when really it may not be blue but that's just what we see because that's all that we've ever been taught to see?

The article "Discourse Community" my other response to this article was this was a good reading too for me personally because I had never heard of a discourse community or anything. I heard the word before, but I had never fully thought about it. With reading this article it gave me insight that there is such thing as a Discourse Community and that it is a bunch of people who share the same common interest with each other. It also made me think about this app called Discord, because it now make since why someone would come up with an app that allows people who share common goals or interest to all be able to come together and talk about it with one another. It honest was a great read for me, it helped open my eyes to a different perspective of things. It also helped me understand the significance in a discourse community.

Another article that I wrote a response too was "How Language Reshapes Our Perception of Reality" my response to this article was this reading really did open my eyes to a new perspective in life. I never knew that the people that we hangout around can have an impact in the way that shapes our reality. It was cool to read that the wording, grammar, and metaphors that we as people and that we as a culture use shapes the way that we perceive things. That the people we are around shape the way that we talk which is interesting to me. But it is also understandable why if you spent so much time with someone that they way that they speak would rub off on you and you would start to talk like that person. Also, that the way language can impact our experiences such as relating back to blue article. They say in this article that no one really sees a color until there is a word for it which is mind blowing to me, because if you told someone that there was never a word for a color they would just see everything as being like a blank canvas or colorless.

The final article was “The Concept of Discourse Community” my response to this article was this article was good to read as well because he broke up the term discourse community into three parts. Also, that the first part had to deal with the clarification of discourse community and how it in the present context it has been appropriated by the “social perspectivists” for their variously applied purpose in writing research. An how discourse community is an imperfectly defined term, but also how it can be the proponents of the “social view” for believing that discourse community is a powerful and useful concept and that it raises many questions. Also, how it is used in speech communities and how it helps form a tight definition of shared linguistic forms. This apportion of the article reminds me a lot about American Sign Language and how they are their own discourse community because they have their own type of language that they use a grammar. It also helped me to understand the difference between American Sign Language (ASL) and Pidgin Sign Language (PSE).

In conclusion too all of this class personal for me was differently different from any other English class that I have every taken because it gave you that freedom that most English classes don’t give you, which is really interesting because its basically kind alike a free write that there are no strict guidelines to follow within. This class I will admit was a big challenging for me because I am so use to following guidelines and have rubric to help me along with my writing, but I will admit that it will hopefully help me in future writings that I will do during my college career and also into my field.