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Major Assignment 5: Good Writers Do

Near the end of summer when I purchased the book Writing about Writing that I needed for my class. I went through the book looking at all the prompts, I had this strong emotion that this English 1001 class would not be any fun. Little did I know it is now the end of this semester and I can proudly say I proved myself wrong. Within just a month of taking this course I learned a lot about myself as a writer. I grew new perspectives and learned that with just a little help I am not as bad of a writer as I thought I was. Something major this course and professor taught me is what good writers do and how they do it.

Let me start by explaining what I mean by a quote on quote “good writer.” When I say good writer, I mean someone who is not scared to pour out their thoughts on paper, someone who writes about what they believe and is not bias on their prompt. Good writers do careful research and put in the time and dedication in what they are writing. They follow the rules of writing and make sure everything is done grammatically correct. A good writer makes their audience want more it helps the reader feel connected to what the writer is saying. Good writing is not something you can just learn but something that

Before this course my writing skills could be compared to a middle schooler writing. I did not know how to express myself in my writing. I didn't know how to keep an audience's attention and something I did a lot that should not have been done is in certain writings I would express my opinion on a topic that my opinion was not needed in. I had trouble keeping a steady tone and making my writing grammatically correct. One of the main concerns I have would be staying on track and keeping the writing sound smoothly, instead it would be all mixed up and have all kinds of information that was not needed in the writing.

Now that it is the end of the semester I feel ten times more confident when it comes to my writing. I feel as if now being a good writer that I am very careful when planning what to write. Good writing for me is planning the tone of my writing as well as picking the appropriate audience for the writing. A good writer once told me that "good writing comes from careful planning and always comes from the heart." So ever since hearing this I am very cautious with my writing, I make sure that I follow the requirements needed to make all my writing to become good.

However, just because I have learned many tips and ticks on becoming a good writer I still have numerous of things I could work on. Such as, procrastinating I always have a plan and an idea of what I write about but I do not manifest my writing onto the paper until the last minute. Doing this could also cause other issues in my writing such as grammatically incorrect writing and a not so smooth reading. Lastly, another thing I feel I could work on in making

myself a better writer is stepping out of my comfort zone and do other types of writing genres, in doing this I could express my writing in many other creative ways.

Even though I have many things I could improve on to become an outstanding writer we all have to start somewhere. At the beginning of this semester I could not even write a short five paragraph essay on a simple topic without help. However, now I feel extremely comfortable when asked to do other types of writing prompts. Thankfully because of this course I have learned skills in becoming a good writer and with more practice and patience my skills will only improve.