English 101 Reflection

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The topic for my research paper was how the internet can help children learn, but the question is will it be a secure source for the children to use? I chose this topic because I was interested to see how this generation of kids can better use their time on the internet. It came to me when I was at my uncle’s house in a beautiful afternoon and he kept telling his kids to play outside or go to the beach since it was close to his house, but the this children resisted. His kids wanted to play on their electronics more than going outside. Then I interviewed my uncle on what his thought were on children and the internet

“Going outside for me is a big part of being a kid. When I was younger I had a computer and I had a cell phone but I still wanted to go out and play. It’s surprising to see how much technology advanced since I was young. Children nowadays are exposed to so many devices and so much electronics that sometimes they become addicted and dependent on it. I wanted to show and teach kids that even though they’re always on their electronics that they can learn and educate themselves while using it,” said my uncle.

My uncle continues further on about the issues on the society as well. I learned that a child using the internet is a common problem and it is more of a long term issue that parents and other people face throughout the years. As the world is evolving more and more knowledge is recorded on the internet, I thought it is important to show my research on the outcomes that people have faced and some argumentative results that were made during my research.

During this research paper I learned a lot about not only my topic but also a lot about children. I learned that children are interested on what they are exposed to. Most of these children that I saw are brought up around electronics. Either their parents had a cellphone that they let them use or one of their family members which caused the children to be dependent on it and use it all the time. I learn that children are more attracted to visuals, colors, and most things that they can hold or touch.

This topic is very broad and I had to cut it down to make it narrower so, focused on how the electronics affects children and how they can learn from it. I showed a few children that learning through the internet is a very useful and how it can be very fun. As I showed them how to use the internet, they tried to explore and learn on how the web should be used. I helped them through some simple tasks and I saw that they are willing to learn more. Then I thought of getting more into the details to their guardians on the results of their children.

For my data gathering I did a lot of online research and interviews. I conducted a few interviews from my sources. These sources included a few family members and close family friends who were happy to let me interview them. Since I rarely do interviews and surveys this was a new learning experience for me. Gathering people to conduct my survey wasn’t very hard but as they are parents and have jobs it was hard to get ahold of them at certain times but eventually I worked everything out and got a few interviews done in time. It was interesting to hear about their side of how their children are always on electronics and how it affects their grades and social life.

Overall the project I did was very great learning experience. I learned so much in these few months. I learned how to write good clean essays that can be very descriptive. I also learned how to utilize the APA format as I have never used this format before. I learned how to conduct interviews and how to set them up and ask the appropriate questions. I really enjoyed making this research project and the experience this class has given me.