

Reflection

College debt is a term that many, most especially students, are familiar with. I am glad that I chose this topic because I have learned a lot about it. I always hear about people either taking out student loans like it's nothing or hearing about how stressful life is because of the repayment of the loan. As a college student, I thought that this topic would be perfect. I could gain personal knowledge and understanding, and I could share my findings with other college students. This is something that I do not regret, I now know that student loans is something that should ultimately be avoided, if possible. I really appreciate how this class was structured, specifically how we were assigned to write 4 essays and in the end, those four essays were intended to come together with the creation of the research paper. This method is very similar to the structure of my EN101 class so I was familiar with it. I also believed that us, being able to choose what our topic would be played a big role in the completion of the project. I felt motivation throughout the whole semester with my research topic because I chose something that I really wanted to learn more about. One problem that I did have was finding enough academic literature that is relevant to my topic. There are many articles written about college debt but they were rarely academic. It is a huge issue but it isn't really something that people do studies about, yet. There were many different sources that were used throughout the class to teach us and I went through whatever I felt that I would understand better, I never really relied on one source in particular when it came to assignments and quizzes. This class has taught me a lot, it was quite demanding but very rewarding. I learned new skills that I will be able to utilize throughout the rest of my days as a college student. One skill in particular was learning how to use APA format. This format was foreign to me because I usually use MLA but I'm glad that I got to learn another form of writing. Paraphrasing, summarizing, and having evidence to support my claims are skills that I have learned in the past but this class taught me how to do them correctly and professionally. My biggest weakness would be getting my writing into proper MLA format, in-text citations, and creating citations. I grew accustomed to using the citation machine but

the format doesn't really come out right in the end. Another weakness I struggles with was turning in my assignments on-time. I feel like I have learned my lesson and that moving forward, I will be better.