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**Reflection for English 202 Course**

Entering into the classroom on the first day of school was a very nerve-wracking experience. I did not know what to expect with English 202, nor did I feel ready to take on the class. With everything that happened with Typhoon Soudelor the month before, I was very afraid entering college for the first time. However, after the first week passed, and I realized that our research project would be centered on Typhoon Soudelor, I was excited.

When our instructor told us that we must come up with a topic based on Typhoon Soudelor, I looked forward to it. I saw this as a way to try to “bury the hatchet.” By speaking about the storm, it was able to help me move on from this traumatic experience. I knew that many people had constantly, until that moment, questioned CUC. Therefore, I decided to do my research on them. I wanted to see if they were prepared for Typhoon Soudelor.

Since the beginning, I knew that my topic was a great one. I was far beyond excited to research more about this topic. Even at the completion of my research, I believe that this topic could be further explored. This is what I plan to do, even when the course ends.

Academic writing is something that I do not have much experience with. However, I can see a tremendous improvement because of English 101 and this course. One thing that was very useful to my growth in academic writing within this course was the material provided by the instructor. I see that if I was having trouble with anything, the instructor had materials and handouts for me to look to. The handouts, most especially, have been a marvelous aid. With the handouts being a great help, I believe that the textbook was the complete opposite. I feel that the instructor could have incorporated it more, but overall, the instructor knew how to use materials to the advantage of the students.

After spending a great deal of time working on the research, I feel very much satisfied with the outcome. Just like every good researcher, I feel though that I could have expanded on everything. I feel that more surveys could have been given out and more interviews could be done. Overall, I feel that more time could have been spent on my research. Putting this aside, I can say that I did a good job and I am very proud of my work. I could still use the time after the course to expand on my work, diving deeper into my research.

Because I spent three months with my instructor, peers, and this course, I have seen improvement in my academic writing, research skills, and even my work ethic. I have seen a great amount of growth because of the essays I had to write, the research I had to do, and the questions I had to answer. To conclude, I enjoyed very much this course, the research I had done, the material, working with my peers, and working with the instructor.