Reflection

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Since the research project was introduced, I’ve been very curious about my topic on how our coral reefs are affected by storms. My research topic has been really good so far, and the findings I have found have astonished me. I would want to work further with my research because I want to know more about what experts think and how others feel about this matter. I have been very happy with the topic I selected because I have gone beyond into thinking about our environment. After all the research and essays that I have done, I am glad to say I learned something out of this. The method I really prefer is receiving feedback from our peers because this allowed us to share knowledge with each other. Finding literature sources were better because this allowed us to use every bit of the internet to answer our question. Most of the academic sources I found were really helpful to me. They taught me something I did not know at all. I am glad that my topic is relevant because a lot of people have done research about it. I learned more from my academic sources than my non-academic sources. The textbook for the course was really useful on helping me with my academic writing. I could say that my writing has improved. The essays we have done in class has been really helpful to me because it will definitely help me with the career I am pursing. I am pursuing a bachelor’s in education, and I know for sure I will be doing a lot of writing.

The skills that I have learned in this course will be very helpful to me in my future as I pursue a degree to become a teacher. I believe I will be able to write a better academic essay with the skills that I have developed and learned through this course. I believe I have learned enough about APA formatting. But if I ever do forget in the near future, I would refer back to the essays I have done in the past. Or, I could use the internet and search it up. I believe I will be using this skill to look up literature and analyze topics in the future. If we were asked to do primary research in my other courses, I believe I will do good on it because I will have experience on doing a primary research. The kinds of research I will be doing in other classes will most likely be interviews or surveys. One of the strengths I could say in this course was my presentation skills. I would say that my weaknesses would be my writing. I have a lot of space and time left to fully develop my writing. I might also need to work on my planning skills. It is there, but I need to improve it just a bit more. Compared to the beginning of this class, I believe my academic writing has improved because my past essays would be poorly organized. There is still a lot of room for improvement on my academic writing such as vocabulary and organization. My research outcomes have been surprising to me. I would never think that most of the people I received responses from lack the knowledge about the state of our coral reefs. If Typhoon Yutu never hit us, I believe I might able to get some more data on my topic. I have learned so much by taking this course. Like I said, there is still a big room for improvement on my writing, but I’d say my writing has improved since the class started.