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The research topic concerning the community of Saipan especially the foreign workers was a topic of great interest to me. I chose this topic because not only is it one of the most controversial issues, it is relevant to me as well. I believe it’s an issue that most people do not really care about. Digging deeper within the subject and writing about it could help spread awareness to the citizens of the CNMI and to portray the significance of the issue. In my opinion, I am content with the topic I have chosen, but I wouldn’t further work on it only because my schedule is too hectic and this study requires a lot of research.

Through out the semester, there were 4 essays assigned to us. Three of these essays concerned with the research paper (which we could use in the end of the semester to put our research paper together) and one of it was a compare and contrast essay. I prefer this type of writing process because it saves a lot of time and it makes the combining of all data gathered together easy. With each essay done, drafts were critiqued which allowed me to make changes in my paper.

In addition, we were also required to look for literature and use the information from our research to support our writing. It was time consuming, but I found it very useful because it helped me attain new information which added to my knowledge. It also helped me understand my research topic better by paraphrasing every literature found. In regards to the project, one of the biggest accomplishments I achieved was to be able to get things done in advanced despite how busy I got with other things. Besides having great time management skills, I believe my organizational skills had a huge impact as well in accomplishing the task.

In conclusion, this course was quite challenging, but enlightening. Though, it did really push me to the best of my abilities. Looking back at the beginning of the semester, it was a struggle to write academic essays, but now I must say that I had improved. All the class lectures and assignments we had done truly helped me understand the basic of academic writing and it helped throughout the process of writing my research paper. Overall, I have not only accomplished in writing a research paper, but I have also gained skills that will help me in future endeavors.