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### The Road To English 113B

My experience in English 113B with Professor Joanne Martin was definitely incredible and most importantly very helpful. I'm not really a fan of writing essays but Professor Joanne Martin made it seem enjoyable for me because she taught me ways on how to properly develop a well organized essay. When coming into this class, I thought it was going to be difficult because writing essays has always frustrated me. However, this class helped me improve as a critical thinker, reader, and a writer. English 113B has taught me ways that I was not been capable to do before taking this class. Usually, Professor Martin would give a lot of handouts for us to follow that would help us on how to analyze, state quotes, or organize an essay properly. In my previous years of writing essays, I would usually put information down in my paper in a random paragraph but this class has enabled me to place key topics in the correct paragraph preventing to confuse my readers. Developing and analyzing a well concise essay has pushed me to think critically and has made be a better writer. I have no regrets of taking this class and I'm very lucky to have her as my English professor.

Through one of the first many things I learned from this class was how to properly organize a well developed essay. I struggled throughout my life on organizing an essay but following the steps on the handouts made it very easy for me. An organized essay simply has an intro, three body paragraphs, and a conclusion. The intro is definitely a place where you introduce to your reader on what you're going to talk about. I also learned that the Thesis

Statement was the most important part of an introduction because it allows the reader to know what claim you're about to argue. Other than that, body paragraphs is basically where you put all your supporting evidence to prove your main point and it also has to be connected to your thesis statement. Writing conclusion was very difficult for me in the past but I learned that you can simply just restate your main idea, thesis, and your implied argument. Another thing I learned from this class was how to write a well developed thesis. Developing a well organized essay can be very helpful for upcoming essays from my future classes. Writing a thesis was one of my biggest concerns when it comes to writing an essay. I learned that thesis statements is always commonly in the last sentence of your introduction paragraph and it basically states your claim or idea of what you're planning to write about. The last thing I learned from this class was analyzing quotes. Analyzing quotes requires critical thinking and it was honestly a pain in the butt. In the other hand, I learned how to do a quote sandwich in which you introduce, state, and explain what the quote means. Following the quote sandwich would be a useful source for the future due to the fact that you would require the skill to analyze things such as from research papers.

In every class there has to be always one difficult assignment that challenges you beyond unimaginable. In my opinion, the third essay was by far the most difficult assignment because it was an analysis essay on a novel. Analysis essay's is not my strongest assets when it comes to writing essays but it does make you think critically. It also challenged me because I needed to relate back to the novel based on the quote that I analyzed. The least assignment that I struggled with was the first essay. The first essay was writing about how has social networking affected us in variety of ways. I felt this assignment was fairly easy for me because it was something that was very relatable to my life and I had a lot of knowledge coming into this type of essay topic.

Also my experiences with social networking has helped me support my ideas and this was just an interesting topic to write about.

When taking this class, there is always one asset that you have improved on and for me it was how to write a thesis statement and properly organizing my essay. Thesis Statement might only be one sentence but sometimes it is difficult to captivate a big idea into just one sentence. I also noticed that my essay structure has improved because of what Professor Martin has taught us. I feel like I still need to improve more on how to analyze a quote and also my grammatical errors. In all three of my essays, I noticed that my grade is lower from what I expected and it usually grammar played a major impact on why it affected my grade. Grammar is something I feel like I mostly need help on because it is a important concept that readers are looking for when it comes to well developed essays and I put a lot of pride in myself to develop a well polished essay.

Overall, this class was extremely helpful in ways that I can remember. I will always enjoy and appreciate the time that Professor Joanne Martin has put to make sure all her students have some improvements in their writing skills. One of the most memorable things in this class is how Professor Martin would give tons of handouts for us to follow and I feel that those handouts will forever help me when it comes to future writing assignments coming from other classes in the near future. This class was by far one of my favorites throughout the whole semester and I'm happy that I put myself in a position where I know I can write essays with more confidence now. Thank you Professor Joanne Martin for putting all your effort to make us better students and you're definitely one of my favorite English teachers.