

In my latest peer review session, I worked with Ethan Roback. I have worked with Ethan before on several assignments such as the proposal but the professor has been trying for us to work with those that we may not know. However, there was an odd number of people in class that day so Ethan and I got paired since we were sitting adjacent to one another. Since we worked in pairs it was hard not to contribute to one another's portfolio. I looked at his and he looked at mine and we offered comments in a reply email. After working with Ethan a couple of times before I now believe that sharing my work "and giving helpful feedback get easier with time and practice" (Davis and Reynolds, 36).

It has been established that we each look at each other's portfolio via scholar blogs on our own personal computers. Once on scholar blogs we are able to access the work and critique it without any hassle. After critiquing the work individually, we congregate back together and discuss any room for improvement. Without the help from Ethan I would not know I needed improvement on how my artifacts connect and to work towards resolving the issue. Through peer review I see the benefits of working collaboratively with others in order to resolve the issues as well as improve my writing and communication skills. I believe communicating thoroughly on a friend's work is important because avoiding to see issue in a work due to one's relationship lacks depth and prohibits a writer from improving or realizing the "true" potential.

To discover potential one needs to follow several rituals in order to complete such a tedious task. Since Ethan and I are roommates it makes working together very convenient, but convenience, a desired ritual, should not permit us from us giving less than our best efforts to the assignment at hand. Working with someone you do not know is hard but may give some insight from an unbiased reviewer. However, I been told I am the strictest reviewer from my friends. I wan to see everyone do there best even though it may seem harsh but I am just being honest in order to give constructive criticism intended to help a writer grow. I was honest with Ethan in the email reply and I did not write simply write yes next to an item that he did not meet or achieve in order for him to look good in front of the professor. By giving solid, honest feedback I opened room for growth. At a young age I did not take constructive criticism well, but now I fully comprehend that it is hear to help us rather than harm us. Becoming a good reviewer takes practice and so does being able to respect the process and accepting the comments. A peer review is all about shaping one's writing skills through a respectful process which enables one to open one's eyes and to see beyond what is written on the page.

#### Works Cited

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