Dear Portfolio Assessment Committee,

The two main elements of writing that I have improved upon are the Synthesis and Known-New Chain. Before learning these important concepts, my writings were not connected enough that sometimes-key ideas were separated and were even sometimes misinterpreted by the audience. I was not writing a cohesive essay; however, after learning the two main concepts from the English lectures, I implemented those skills and was able to deliver my personal message to the audience clearly. I was able to organize my ideas in the essay clear enough that it even fastened my speed of writings. The transitions for each different idea were connected and moved smoothly because I was able to create clear and logical relationship among ideas. The “choppy” writings that I used to write were flowing smoothly after I have learned these concepts.

I did not perfectly implement the idea of the chain but the evidence that I started the chain the ideas are shown in the draft. I started to put my effort of organizing information and connect it with the previous ideas that already have been written. I have realized that organizing my ideas and connecting those were much easier to write, and it even enhanced my speed of work too. When I tried to view it as a reader’s perspective, I was able to obtain the message clear enough too.

After using the synthesizing method, I was confident enough that I clearly connected these ideas and deliver my main theme as a whole. Extrapolation of the background information of different components truly helped to connect the ideas as a one theme. I was confident enough that it made the reader to understand in greater depth.

Another opportunity that greatly improved m writing was the peer review session. There were two recent peer review sessions for assessing the portfolio. One other peer classmates looked over the drafts for my portfolio and made some comments to each other to make our portfolio better. This opportunity gave each other chances to have different perspectives, and sent the comments through the email. Patterns for our communications were similar to each other. We both gave positive comments first to each other and the negative aspects of how we can make the portfolio better. We both participated equally so we can have sufficient amount of review for each other. My partner gave comments on how I wanted to have the ideas connected and to extrapolate on the known-new chain. We also looked each other’s narrative essay and talked about how we could display it on our portfolio. My partner thought that using narrative essay to show that we have improved would be very effective in convincing the audience on our progression. Partner gave comments on how the pictures were insufficient in detail, but he said the way I was explaining the plan showed that I put a lot of effort into this assignment and its logic. We both thought that we are on the right track, we both wanted to hopefully demonstrate these ideas clearly how we have improved in our portfolio. One of the criticisms I have received was that Known new chain is clearly in the text in the sentence level but the portfolio is in its early stages to determine artifact logic.

Other peer review session happened today during class, it was a group discussion led by our instructor. Our instructor picked two random classmates and gave them questions to ask each other on how they think about the given questions. One of the questions given was to think about how their improvements during the course will help them to lead them succeed in other work. This instructor-led group discussion really helped me to have variety of perspectives of the classmates. It gave me some aspect of how I should direct my portfolio. One of the main themes discussed during the class was the descriptive detail. We have learned that we have ignored to give very specific details to help the readers understand our stories better. I believe that my writing has gotten way better before I had taken the class. I am greatly thankful to the valuable leanings I had this semester.

Sincerely,

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