

Dear Brittany,

Throughout the semester my ability to write as a process has flourished. In the past, I never completed invention work or drafts in general. I would just sit at the computer, come up with a topic, and then find research that was tied to it. By sitting down and doing freewrites, the working bibliography, and the reading journal I came up with new angles and aspects that I had not thought of before. This in turn helped me vary my searches and find more meaningful and useful information. Since I had such a widespread amount of research it was much easier for me to state my main point right away which helped me complete my drafts.

Since I actually did draft work, I got to see what worked and what didn't. I did many little revisions throughout all three papers, but my main substantial revisions occurred in my PAA and my Op-Ed. In my Op-Ed I revised my paper in reference to clarity and style. I realized throughout most of my paper I was very vague using words like "situation" and "this". In paragraph 3 on page 11, I worked exclusively on taking these vague useless words out and pushing clearer more direct words. This created more of an impact in the paragraph. I also created an all new paragraph, which comes right after the introduction on page 11. By adding this paragraph I show the violence within Sudan is nothing new. But the genocide that occurred brought the problems to a whole new level. I also moved paragraph 3 on page 11 in my original draft to paragraph 2 on page 11 in my final draft. By adding and moving these paragraphs my paper now has better flow and ideas are more interconnected. When revising my PAA I added new information throughout the entire paper. A few areas where a great deal of new information was included can be seen on page 28 paragraph 1 when I include Saddam Hussein and the horrors he committed; as well as in paragraph 1 of page 31 when I delve into the current

problems in Argentina. By adding this information my paper as whole stays focused. I brought in more examples to further push my purpose.

I chose to organize my Portfolio in a process based format. This helps show how I have grown as writer by accomplishing writing as a process. But the way I will be assembling my portfolio overall is in a way that you will learn more about me as a person. Each piece that we wrote this semester shows some sort of aspect of my personality and the opinions that have morphed me into the person that I have become. I have arranged them in a way that eases you into who I truly am. To start out with I wanted to show how I care about the well being of others. This is why my Op-Ed on the genocide that occurred in Darfur comes first. It shows how I truly feel about the human race and it hints at my ideas about government and how the roles I think they need to play. My PAA comes next. I chose this piece to come second because you get the opportunity to learn about the child I was through my personal information. I also feel that you have the experience of encountering more of my personal voice. It really makes you see into my mind. I chose to have my Life Place Essay come last because it is the most personal piece. My voice shines within this paper. Out of the three main assignments I enjoyed this one the most. This is because I got to work more with imagery and creative writing, which is my main writing strength. By the way I organized my portfolio you will learn more and more about me. You get to learn who I truly am. Happy Reading!

Sincerely,

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