

Reflection Piece Guidelines

Format & Submission

Citation Style: MLA, APA, or CMS .

Length: 1 - 2 pages

Sources: None required

Submission: Upload to Google Drive folder shared w/ me and include in your portfolio

Purpose

Reflective writing gives you the opportunity to consider how your personal experiences and observations shape your thinking and your acceptance of new ideas. With your reflection, you can demonstrate how you engaged with the course outcomes (in the syllabus) by making connections between your experiences, thoughts, observations, and learning. Take the time to analyse the course outcomes for this class and explain them from your own point-of-view, demonstrating original ideas and your interest - show me where you connected with your assignments - in the course material.

Requirements

Your reflection should be about a page to a page and a half long. However, don't get caught up with a page requirement. Content is what makes a reflection piece successful, not the length. Describe your experience objectively and try to answer the following prompts narratively. There is a lot of freedom that comes with this assignment since there is no one way to do this.

- What was the assignment?
- What did you do?
 - Prewriting/Brainstorming

- Research, interview, discussion, etc.
 - First Draft
 - Second Draft
 - Final Draft
- Did you work with anyone?
- What was your experience?
 - Where did you struggle?
 - Where do you feel you exceeded expectations?
- How do you feel you could've done better?
- What course outcomes do you feel you learned overall?
- Did you have initial expectations?
 - How did they differ from your actual experience?

Overall, I want to see what did you learn, how did you learn it, does it really matter to you (did you get something out of the work you did?), and do you actually feel you've learned skills you can take outside of this class (be tactful but honest).

You don't need to discuss every experience or element of your learning process. Pick a few that you feel you can explore within the context of your learning comfortably and write about them (I don't want you writing about staring at a blank word document unless it actually means something to you).

Tips & Suggestions

Consider the following when writing your reflection:

- Identify what your learning goals (what were your expectations for the class and what you hoped to learn)
- Identify the course objectives (learning outcomes the course aims to teach students)
- What did you do (think about your actual process)
- What did you learn from this experience (did you learn anything about yourself, the genre, topic, society in general, etc.)
- Do you feel your learning experience fit what the course outcomes intended for you to learn (Do you feel like you learned what the course intended for you to learn)
- Did you learn anything to help you in the future from this experience? what would you do differently given the chance?