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Last Weebly of My High School Life

Aren’t there many things in life that are bittersweet? For example, the finish of a long book series or movie series is very bittersweet to the audience. While they are anticipating the grand finale, they’re sad that it’s coming to an end. The characters they grew up with and feel close to are stopping at a certain page, and they’re not. Another event that is bittersweet is graduation. Graduates move up in life to the exciting new world of college; graduates say goodbye to friends they’ve known for years. In the same way, the end of my time on weebly is bittersweet. I’ve seen the expansion of my work over this year and will miss a few things about weebly.

Writing and posting essays online for my portfolio has been a good experience for me. At the end of each quarter, I would look through all the essays I wrote, see which one needed the most revision, and revise it. Then, for the next quarter, I would build on that revision to write better essays than I did before. One example of this is when one of my essays didn’t have a strong conclusion or strong introduction. I revised it for my final essay, and for the next quarter, I worked hard to make sure that all of my essays had a strong introduction and conclusion. Secondly, I used to have a problem with finding a variety of words instead of just using the same word repeatedly. I didn’t like reusing the same word because it would make my essay drag. Once I saw that mistake early on, I made it a point for all of my essays to have diversity and wealthy vocabulary.

That being said, the essays I chose for my very last weebly are the best of the best because they are based upon previous revisions. “Thou Blind Man’s Mark,” my first AP English essay of the year, is exceptional because it sticks to the prompt and accurately analyzes literary techniques such as alliteration and tone. Next, there is “Literary Techniques Used By Maxine Claire.” It was a challenge to find and explain what the prompt required, yet I fulfilled the task. This essay taught me to look harder for evidence. “Macbeth,” the third essay, strong because of the transitions between paragraphs and the quotes I used. The final one, “Polar Opposites Both Inside and Out,” is my personal favorite. There was so much imagery and symbolism in the poem, and I articulated it well in the essay.

Other than becoming a better writer, there are other features about weebly that were beneficial to me and that I will miss. The biggest one is blogging. Blogging provides an alternative creative side to writing as opposed to the formal essays I write all the time. In them, I can express myself freely and write about any topic of my choice. Another is putting up projects and powerpoints from other classes. I want people to be able to see the work I have done in other classes so people who look at my website can get a broader view of what kind of student I am. Last, but not least, is writing reflective essays. It’s always good to look back at your accomplishments and weak points so one can better him or herself.

In conclusion, even though I won’t be doing assignments for weebly any longer, I will definitely use I learned from it so that I can move up in life when I go to college. The number one thing I learned is how to write better. There’s always room for revision. Now that I have mastered the art of revision, I will be able to write a brilliant thesis essay for my professor. The second lesson I learned was being well-rounded and creative. My blogs were an outlet for my artwork and interests while the projects I posted displayed a variety of my work. If I continue in this, then the tough, academic facet of college will be much brighter for me, and I’m looking forward to it.