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Weebly

Doesn’t putting together an online portfolio seem difficult? To get the best possible grade, several procedures must be done. First, you have to decide which essays are the best to use for the portfolio. Then, you have to blog. After that, you have to write a reflective essay about your growths and strengths over the quarter. It may seem like a lot of work at first. However, in actuality, it is very rewarding, especially towards the end of each quarter. Working on weebly allows me to display my finest work and review them so that I can monitor my growth as a writer.

I chose specific pieces and put them in a specific order for a reason. The essays towards the top are acceptable; the ones toward the ends are my finest work. *Gary and Johnson* was first because I believed it was my weakest essay. This was because I didn’t fully comprehend one of the poems I had to write about. For *Clarence and Hervey*, I explored the literary device of perspective very well. My favorite one, *Polar Opposites Both Inside and Out*, had strong evidence to support my thesis. Following is the revised essay. Other than essays, though, I included my Physics project in hopes of fascinating others with my discovery and *Dear Doug* since it was my only cross-curricular essay this quarter.

There was a lot of revision that went into my final essay. Unlike all the other essays I had to revise, I had to basically rewrite by introduction and conclusion. The way I started and ended my AP essays apparently weren’t good enough. My problem was that I started off too broad. Because of that, I didn’t have a good hook nor did my first and last paragraphs connect well to the prompt or literary work. I fixed this problem by shortening up the introduction because long ones are never interesting. Also, I made it more specific towards the main character. For the clincher of the conclusion, I focused on the prompt and the development of the short story.

Thus said, I excelled my essay-writing skills. One way in which it did is that I’m mastering writing good essays within very limited time. In the beginning of this quarter, I usually finished them at them. However, by the end of this quarter, I was able to write a decent essay within thirty to forty minutes. Another skill I acquired was being able to support my thesis with a lot of evidence. This is best displayed in my essay *Polar Opposites Both Inside and Out*. There are several examples of metaphors, symbolism, and imagery.

In conclusion, this quarter has both helped me become a better writer, as always, and has specifically prepared me for AP. This quarter was probably the one in which I wrote the most essays, and as the saying goes, “practice makes perfect.” In retrospect, I became better at my introductions and conclusions. That definitely made my essays a little more unified. Furthermore, adding a lot more evidence has both made my essays stronger and prepared me for AP. When it comes to working the prompt, I’ll know exactly what to look for and what to write about. It was these results which has made all my efforts rewarding, and I expect the next quarter to be even more rewarding.