

# Reflective letter

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Reflective Letter Throughout my revision process in the Rhetoric and Composition 2 I came to recognize a number of prominent elements. The revision process made me realize the importance of having an outside perspective as well as how one can return to a work days later and realize many new things that I didn't recognize during the first time. There were a number of such realizations in my revision of ' The Egyptians and Hosni Mubarak Verdict.' Going through this document the second time I came to realize there were many elements that I believed seem clear at the time, but needed further clarification. I think this is one of the central parts of the revision process. It is possible to write a sentence that is grammatically correct that nonetheless has multiple meanings. Upon the revision process I was able to spot much of the ambiguity and clarify these element. This way the paper flowed more and the argument was stronger. During the revision of this specific paper I also realized areas where the argument could be made stronger. These revision elements were more conceptual in nature as I recognized that things that were previously stated were not as strong as they could have been. This way I was able to add more quotes and background information to strengthen the essay.

To a great part my writing in ' Your Life is Your' Decision' also was revised in terms of clarity and conceptual elements. Throughout this essay I recognize there were many elements that I did not make adequately clear. Changing these elements allowed the essay to flow better. Notably with this essay I experimented more with the form of the paragraphs. I came to realize that oftentimes paragraphs can go in a variety of positions and that experimenting with positions allows one to add rhetorical flair and strength

to the essay.

Another essay that I made revisions to was ‘ A Summer Fitness Journey’. I chose this essay to be included in my portfolio as it not only represents a literal summer fitness journey, but also metaphorically attests to my writing journey throughout the course. Many of the changes that were made to this essay were for clarification purposes. In this sense I recognize I wrote the essay with a story in mind and at times did not completely understand that the audience didn’t comprehend specific elements. This way during the revision I was able to more thoroughly establish the aspects of the story that weren’t thoroughly explained enough. Another major thing in this essay was the understanding that things emerged I wasn’t aware of in the planning process. While I set out to write about fitness and nutrition, I came to realize that broader issues of community and socializing were woven into the fabric of the essay. This way I was able to re-write the essay, specifically the ending, to reflect these changes.

In conclusion, the revision process in this work imbued me with many skills I can attach to tasks outside the classroom. Writing business letters requires the consideration of many of the elements I was tasked with in this setting. In these regards, perhaps the greatest recognition I made was that re-writing is often as important as writing. Ultimately, then I can take these revision skills and implement them in future classes, professions, and general life experiences.