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Reflection

Throughout the entirety of my educational years I've written countless papers but this semester probably put my writing skills to the test. By just looking at it the projects seem pretty simple but when you are actually working on it there are a lot of things you notice about yourself as a writer. I didn't have high hopes of learning a lot of new things in an English class, I sort of had the feeling that the same old rules would have to be applied to every piece of writing. While some rules are standard I have learned that there are different ways to write an essay to best cater your audience. Over the course of this semester I was assigned three different projects. The first one was shocking to me because I have never heard of "The Black Panther Party" movement before but it was a big part of history. I was very confused on why it had been swept under the rug for so long. This made me very interested in the topic overall. The other assignment about the gender gap on social media was also a big shock factor to me because I have never heard about this issue before even if it sounds like something that would at least be mentioned once on social media. The difference between male and women editors was very shocking and I wanted to learn and understand why there was a gender gap on a website like wikipedia. Stepping into both of these projects I had no idea what I was going to encounter because I have never heard of either of these topics before taking the class but thankfully not only did I learn a lot about both of the topics, I also learned a lot about me as a writer.

When completing the first project I learned the importance of research. Conducting extensive and precise research enhances the reliability and credibility of the information you obtain. It enables you to validate the facts, numbers, and statements you come across, assisting

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you in developing a well-informed grasp of a subject. This will also give the reader more confidence when reading your writing. When doing my second project I learned the importance of rhetorical consideration. Rhetorical consideration aids in tailoring your message to your audience's individual requirements, interests, and values. Understanding my audience's opinions and issues allowed me to develop content that connects with them, catches their attention, and keeps them engaged. In convincing and influencing others, rhetorical methods such as ethos (credibility), pathos (passion), and logos (logic) are critical. My writing can impact attitudes and inspire action by deliberately using these aspects to develop trust, elicit emotions, and provide persuasive arguments. Overall, rhetorical consideration is crucial because it enables one to effectively engage, convince, and influence people.

For the third project I decided to remix the first one because it was the most engaging to me and it was very interesting to write about. I began by determining the presentation's major aspects, such as the purpose, audience, and significant arguments. By considering the rhetorical situation, taking into account the context, topic matter, and desired objectives. When considering the rhetorical tactics that may successfully convey my point would be a slide show. This would keep the audience entertained and they could go at their own pace. I also wanted to put as much information on the slides while showing along some pictures so that the audience would get a visual of what point I was trying to make. I tried to structure my presentation logically and cohesively. To lead my audience through the text and emphasize essential ideas. I started out by introducing my topic and how it all started. This would give the audience good enough background information to continue with the rest of the presentation. I also added their goals and

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achievements because it was very important that the audience knew about what this movement accomplished and that movements like this one can change society.

When choosing the more I added a few images that show the way members of the movement would dress. This was also a symbol of power and I wanted to incorporate that into my slides as a visual guide for the audience so I added some background stickers of women and men with the same style. I added a video because it has the ability to catch and hold the attention of an audience. They add a dynamic visual aspect to your presentation that can increase engagement and attention. Videos also have the ability to elicit emotions and have a profound influence on the audience. I selected a short emotional and informative video that may provoke certain sentiments or behaviors that can boost the persuasive power of my presentation. Since my project is based on the Black Panther Party I wanted the audience to definitely have some kind of empowering emotion to go out there and also inform others.

When choosing the images for this project I felt like it was best to search for the ones that are most common and known. This way it would be captured in the audience and it would be a visual representation of power. The pictures offer visual appeal and improve the presentation's overall aesthetics. The Images that I chose were helpful and relevant to assist peak to the audience's interest and make the presentation more visually appealing. By symbolically conveying difficult concepts the pictures can help to simplify the information about the Black Panther Party Movement to the audience. I chose pictures that presented women who were a big help and a big part of the movements achievements. I also wanted to show Huey P. Newton and

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how he was one of the people to start the organization that would soon change how people across America view people of color along with the treatment that they underwent.

Outside of the classroom the information learned still matters. Not only to me but also to others who like me didn't and may still not know about this. Therefore I will post my slideshow on websites like Blogs@Baruch so that future students who are interested can learn more on the topic in an engaging way. I'll also share it to online groups and forums where the matter is discussed. I will contribute by sharing my knowledge, answering inquiries, and offering insightful information. Popular venues for this include Reddit, Quora, or specialized forums that can connect to the issue and be viewed by individuals from all over the world.

Finally, studying about the Black Panther Party is vital for a variety of reasons. For starters, it sheds light on the history of the civil rights movement and the fight against systemic racism and injustice in the United States. Understanding the Black Panther Party's aims, beliefs, and activity helps to contextualize and appreciate the work of individuals and groups fighting for racial equality. A slide show presentation can educate and promote knowledge about the Black Panther Party, its history, ideology, and contributions to the civil rights fight. It enables the writer, me, to convey factual facts, major events, and notable personalities affiliated with the Party, therefore dispelling myths and promoting a more accurate understanding to the audience. I improved the visual appeal of the presentation and made the content more accessible and interesting for the audience by including pertinent photos, graphics, and visuals.