

How do your exploratory essay, rhetorical analysis, and position synthesis represent the way you have met the learning goals above and the critical thinking and writing processes you have engaged with throughout the semester in English 1010?

Unit 1: Exploratory Essay- During this unit getting to explore an issue helped me question and formulate ideas on an issue. Critical thinking was essential for this paper, especially when deciding which path you wanted your essay to go. I really learned how to incorporate many points of a very broad issue into a simpler version without leaving much out.

Unit 2: Rhetorical Analysis- My rhetorical analysis consists of a deeper understanding of why a piece of writing is written. In this unit I got to really understand how authors establish their credibility and really breakdown their writing so that I and others can get a better understanding of their writing. I learned how to focus of the HOW of writing rather than the WHY.

Unit 3: Position Synthesis- In this final unit I really learned how to view various viewpoints of an issue. I continued to research and evaluate material from various authors, and annotations led to my final position synthesis. Knowing how and why authors establish their credibility played a major factor in this unit and final paper. I really learned how to view several viewpoints and not just define a PRO/CON viewpoint.

Overall, how has your view of writing changed because of your work in this class? What have you learned that you can transition (take with you) to other writing situations?

My view of writing has not changed much but it has changed significantly. During the duration of this class I have not only improved my writing but I have opened myself to different styles of papers. I had already been comfortable writing argumentative essays, but it was not until this course where I truly got a better understanding of what rhetorical analysis, exploratory essay, annotation, and position synthesis papers were. In fact learning how to write an exploratory essay helped me write a few essays for my communications class. Overall, there are many things that I can take from this class, but the most important thing is the improvement in my writing abilities. Learning how to write other types of essays, and doing authoritative sources research, will help me in any writing situation that I might find myself in.