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Reflection #2

Part One

For the second essay within this course, I started my writing process by scrolling through various social media platforms until I found a short-form video I felt easily exemplified a variety of rhetorical appeals. After selecting the video, I would base my essay off of, I drafted a quick outline on paper to form a general idea of the flow of my paper, as well as what points I would make throughout the written work. After drafting a very vague outline, I dove straight into writing my paper and finished my final draft off by checking for any grammatical errors. I didn't necessarily learn anything new about my writing; however, I was reminded that drafting an outline is very helpful for me when I begin drafting any more extensive written work. Regarding my successes and areas of improvement, I feel that I made some solid points that very clearly answer the assignment's prompt; however, I do feel that I could work on being less repetitive and writing more efficiently. I felt that the prompt was easy to understand and respond to, especially as someone who encounters short-form media constantly; however, there were moments where I felt that I was just writing to reach a word count and didn't have much more to say. The next time I draft an essay, I believe that creating a more detailed outline prior to creating a rough or final draft would help me drastically.

Part 2

I do feel that my writing adapted fairly well to the prompt, and I didn't find it difficult to describe my writing process, as can be seen above. Though the essay doesn't include my personal attachment to the short-form video I selected, I used multiple literacies, such as listening, reading, and writing, to dissect YouTube Shorts and write in response to the assignment demands. My writing also included correlations between the video and several rhetorical appeals, but I could likely work on understanding which rhetorics I use within my own writing. I absolutely can see my use of decision-making and revision in this assignment; however, I would likely benefit from continuing to learn more about the connections between literacy, language, and the power of writing.

Part 3

I would say that this essay has helped me further identify my strengths and weaknesses when writing and has shown me in what ways I can improve my writing process. I am definitely working towards the goals I set for myself at the beginning of this course, but there is still work to be done!