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MY REFLECTION ON MY WRITING

During our First Seminar Sages course, my writing has definitely improved. Before this class I had a lot of trouble beginning my essays and figuring out how to introduce my topic, but now I am much better at this. Classic style is simple and comprehensible. The direct onset and clean dismount are just very straightforward concepts. I have learned that you do not have to embellish the general topic before bringing up your specific topic. This saves a lot of wordiness and extraneous information in my writing. When I look back at my other writing pieces I see how they often have sentences that are unneeded. I really want to continue perfecting my writing by reducing the amount of those kinds of sentences. I am obviously still learning and improving my writing with every new piece write, but I think the key things that I have learned are how to start my essays and how to properly support them.

Learning how to write in classic style has definitely made writing a lot easier for me. However, I do believe my writing still needs a lot of improvement, especially with analytical writing. I think we were taught very well how to write with good style and how to write cleanly and comprehensibly about our topics, but I think I did not really learn well enough how to critically analyze articles or papers that essentially are the basis of my essays. Also, I wish we would have written another longer essay or had to connect all our shorter essays into a longer one. Writing the final was tough because I had not written a paper that long all year. I think the next step in my writing journey is to learn how to critically read and extract information that can help me make valuable inferences.

On another note, I would also like to learn how to write well in other styles of writing. In any field that I go into I may need to use various other styles. Classic style is perfect for academic writing, but I would like to improve all styles of my writing. For example, in my ideal major, International Studies or Political Science, I think being able to write in a journalistic or an expository style is an essential tool. Also, because I want to one day become an author, I would like to improve my creative writing for both fiction and nonfiction styles. Knowing many styles of writing can and will only improve how I both critically read and write. These are my goals for the next couple semesters and I hope to learn and achieve them in my other SAGES classes or other in other English classes I take.