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Literacy Narrative Reflection

Never have I ever written a “Literacy Narrative”, so I was a bit confused. There wasn't a need for a thesis, even though a thesis is usually the most important part of an essay. Also, having to relate three things (psychopathology, connection to self, and sympathy towards the character) to each other was also throwing me off a bit but overall, I think I did well. To convey the genre in my paper, I used tone. I wrote about how I lacked empathy towards my character at the start, but then I also learned to feel sympathy towards him because of what he had gone through that made him the way he was.

My exigence for this paper was my connection to the book. “The Glass Castle”, has been one of my favorite books since the first time I read it, which was five years ago. After that, I also re-read it multiple times. Last summer, the movie “The Glass Castle” also came out and I was hesitant to watch it because I didn't want it to change my view on the book. I ended up watching it and thankfully, it was accurate to the book. In fact, it was so accurate that it was a little boring because if you read the book, you were already expecting everything that was going to happen. Another thing that motivated me in writing this paper was the fact that the book is based on a true story. That always makes me feel more sympathy towards the writer and the situations throughout the book because it's something that someone has gone through. So that gave me something to write about because I genuinely felt so much sympathy towards the characters in the book.

This led to me finding my purpose in writing this paper. I want the audience to feel the same way I felt about this character because he led me through so much confusion and change of emotion throughout the book. My audience being, my peer editor and Professor Von Uhl.

Throughout the book, my stance changed, so I wrote about that in my paper too. I wrote about how I lacked sympathy at first but then how certain situations lead me to change my view on the character and I gained sympathy. I wouldn't call my change in perspective a "counter argument", since this wasn't an argumentative essay, but I would say that it made my stance clear.

Writing this paper taught me how to apply myself more in my writing and to connect it to myself more. Especially since we could use "I" throughout the paper. Another thing that helped me in writing this paper was the free-writes that we do during class. I just brain-dump everything that I'm thinking about on a certain topic and then I organize it later so that it makes sense. In my future papers, I will use these strategies to strengthen my writing