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Through out my second semester in college I took English 1101 and I am happy to say that I'm really pleased with my experience with this class. I enrolled in college after graduating high school in 2011 and forgot exactly what school was like. After starting my first year I realized that you're not always going to get lucky when it comes to teachers and some classes you take can feel like a drag. After having a fully asynchronous English class I'm glad to have had half of my English 1101 class in person. Especially after taking only virtual class my first semester. I realized that in person classes have many positive aspects to it. One positive thing about in person learning is that you get to meet your teacher, which I appreciated. It was nice to be able to have the option to ask questions in person and not only through email. Another positive thing was that I got to meet my classmates. It was nice to be able to have class work involve group work and it didn't have to be through blackboard or zoom.

Although I did have many positive experiences this semester there were also some learning curves for me. I had some problems in the beginning when it came to the site we primarily do our work on called Open Lab. I had no idea how to work it. My teacher Dr. Garcia did dedicate classes on teaching us how to use it, but I just couldn't fully get it. I think if I had a computer in front of me this would have helped more. I just wrote down notes but I'm the type of person who has to physically do something in order to wrap my head around a concept. As a result of not being able to make a post properly on Open Lab, I had assignments that I was behind on which was overwhelming to. I scheduled a private zoom meeting with my professor and finally learned how to make a post properly and caught up on my work. This felt good and put me in a place where I wasn't just focused on how to use open lab but could fully concentrate on my work. This experience really taught me a lesson about myself. Technology is not my forte and in the future, I'll be putting more emphasis on learning new programs, so I don't put myself in that type of situation again.

As I end this semester, I believe I'm glad to say that I've grown as a writer and reader. I wrote many kinds of different essays that I've never written before. For example, I wrote an Op-Ed which I thought was difficult. It was hard for me to think of a top and really keep the reader's attention, but I believe that I learned a lot from my first Op-Ed experience and would improve if I wrote a second one, knowing what I know now. For example, I believe I would have thoroughly expressed and explained my topic and reasoning for my topic better. I feel like it was hard for me, and I hit a wall when it came to my research about how beauty standards have change. I would have given myself more time and managed my

time better when it came to writing my essay. There have been so many learning lessons for me this year in this class. Fortunately, I think I've grown a lot through making the mistakes I've made through my time in English 1101. I believe you can earn some wisdom from everything you go through in life and my experience in English 1101 is no different. I learned a little bit more about myself. I learned that I can accomplish anything I put my mind to. I also learned that I have a lot of room for growth! I'm ok with both realizations and am happy I took this class.