Reflection

What I have learned about myself as a reader and writer is that I am able to find key points within the text and that I learn better when I'm grouped with other students. I feel as though if I get my thoughts organized along with them being in chronological order that I can state what it is that I am trying to convey. The way I have developed as a reader or a writer is that I am now more attentive while I read, that along with annotating more. As I Annotate, it helps me get my thoughts down more clearly and effectively when I try writing. I was always told to annotate by my professors and teachers, and it did give me a sense of stability as I read. Sometimes, I would get off track when I read, so annotating would help my mind get to work, absorb the information even more, then process what I read, then be able to understand it. What I learned in this class was that it is important to stay on top of all your assignments. I really enjoyed the class and being there in person and participating and being in groups with other students. I enjoyed the professor's enthusiasm and care she had for the students taking this course. With this course being a straightforward class and not stressful compared to other courses, it gives a sense of peace for me. How I can compare and contrast my work that I did early in the semester till now, is that I feel like in the beginning I had a very good start in expressing how I felt then in the middle of the semester I was somewhat managing and participating more, now nearing the end, I feel like I slacked off and based off my situation I wasn't able to give it my 100%. Though I tried as best as I could and I am forever grateful to even be in college at this point with the efforts I made, but I know in the future to do better. What I thought changed in my writing as the genres changed was my vocabulary, I feel as though as we focus on different genres, there's new terminology as well to focus on. My early assumptions on writing were that writing was boring, now I do not think it is boring because I get to express my thoughts and to have someone hear them out makes me feel less isolated from people when I write, because when I write, I feel like everyone else's writing is just better than mine. I did have a challenging time this semester, not just in this class but other classes as well. I knew I had to overcome my challenges first, that way It won't create a negative domino effect and have my personal stress interfere with my college courses. What this course has added onto what I learned in English 1101, is that it is better to work in groups to find the main key points in readings.

There are readings that were hard to understand, that is why trying to decipher them as a class or in groups made it easier for me. Not because someone else besides myself was reading and doing the work, but because if we messed up, it would seem as if we were all in it together. In my previous English class, it was online and we did not get to read in groups, let alone in groups in person. We were given a long boring story to read on our own and then write a summary about it. It honestly seemed somewhat boring, however I still did what I was told. The advice that I would give students taking this course next semester is to definitely integrate yourself in the class. Participate and be open to what others have to say. Be engaged in your work that way you won't end up at the last minute scrambling your ideas not making sense. Well I hope I make sense throughout everything that's happened.