

I have always been the guy who hates writing. Not until I joined Dr. Kyburz class in the afternoon. At the first day, I approached Dr. Kyburz and told her that I am afraid and I think I cannot do it (I cannot survive the class). She told me not to be frightened and asked if I had a prerequisite in writing and I did but still I was scared of College Writing. As an international student, I have always told myself in the inside that I study between Americans, and that is their native language, and I am just a person who is foreign and barely speak proper English. After we started the next class, I began to feel comfortable because the professor started to make jokes and started to lighten up the class. So, I became happy and a little bit frightened at the same time.

The first project was to summarize a [short documentary movie](#). The project made me scared because I have never summarized anything in my life, to be frank. However, with the instructions of the professor, it made it simple to me. So I had to listen and stop every second of the movie. I spent 6 hours to finish that summary essay of a 14-minute film. In the end, my work was “well done,” dr. Kyburz said. That summary changed my thinking about myself. I did not think of myself that I can summarize at all. I am not exaggerating because I suck at writing. After the writing was done, I got an A on the project but what made me a little bit furious was that it was a warm-up of a more extensive film. A 90 minutes film. (Kill me).

Another project was the [microtheme](#). The microtheme was one of the hardest projects of the class in my opinion. In the instructions of the project, it said that the project is only one page. I thought that it would be very easy for me because I do not like to write a lot but when I started typing, I started to feel the pain. I am a person who is interested in why people lie to their partners, and I did a great microtheme on this subject, but I was suffering from focusing on not typing biased ideas in the writing which was the main point of the project. Achieving the project made me feel that I can do what I thought it was impossible to do. Here is an example of the microtheme where I changed the introduction from a long, sophisticated one to a more simple and focused on the subject one.

1. I hate when people lie, but I use it when my friends argue about something, primarily when the arguing develops into a fight. I use it also for giving an opinion about something like clothes, hair, and even cars to make people feel good. Lying can get me out of a long speech and make my life enjoyable. I have encountered many people who can't understand when you debate with them. So, the cure for their non-goal debate is to lie and say that I agree with them to make them feel good and prevent long talk. However, Why do people lie? (Sophisticated one).

2. I hate when people lie. I have done it. I use it for giving an opinion about something like clothes, hair, and even cars to make people feel good. Lying can get me out of a long speech. Why do people lie? (Clean one).

The difference is huge!

I had enjoyed what dr.Kyburz was trying to do the whole semester was telling us to revise and revise every time we finish a project. Plus, she makes us (the students) to meet with each

other and help each other in the projects we are doing which were an excellent experience for me to engage with other students. Also, that helped me so much in my [rhetoricity narrative](#) project. This project was very personal to me and have some embarrassing facts and anecdotes that I have faced in my life. Writing these stories was hard for me because every word I type was reminding me of the hard past of suffering from my personal issue. This paper made me happy about myself and with the encouragement of the professor it made me confident in myself as well.

All in all, the class was a phenomenal experience for me, and I totally misjudged it from the beginning. I did not think of myself as the person who writes summaries of movies and rhetoric narratives about myself. These writing have made me jump from the old Salman to the new Salman. Slaman who can write whatever he wants with revision and help from other students. Although I had suffered a lot from writing in the class, at the end, it was worth the hard work. With the help of the writing center and many meeting with the professor, everything went smooth as silk.