

### How I Feel About Writing

Whether it's high school or college, writing is an essential part of school. Growing up I didn't really like writing because it felt tedious. In Highschool my teachers would always tell me they liked my writing and that it was very good which encouraged me and I started to like writing. I don't think my writing is very impressive for being at a college level but I still do enjoy writing for the most part.

When I was younger, I didn't enjoy writing at all. I actually found it very frustrating because in my house growing up, we only spoke Spanish so it was hard to find the right words to use. I didn't like writing to the point where I'd refuse to do certain assignments. As I grew up and spent more time speaking English at school it became easier for me to get my words across. But even then, I didn't particularly enjoy writing. I found it time consuming and boring compared to my other classes.

In Highschool I started realizing that being bilingual was a strength to my reading and writing because I could understand certain words I'd never seen before when they had a Latin root. This helped me use better vocabulary in my essays and it also made it easier to read higher level books. While in high school my English teachers really liked my writing although I never saw anything special about it. I never thought I could be good at writing so when they told me I was good at it, it really encouraged me. That's when I started enjoying writing when I got to high school. When I started to actually enjoy writing it started to improve. But that was a while ago since I graduated Highschool in 2016.

I took a long break before making my way to college so I think my writing skills have plummeted since High School. Last semester was my first semester of college and it was amazing. I found a new love for writing. This time it wasn't just because it was easier than my other classes or because my teacher thought I was a good writer but because I saw the value in it and I genuinely found it interesting thanks to Ms. Wilkins. I loved learning new vocabulary as well as grammar. Grammar was and still is my biggest weakness that I'm working on. I was really grateful that my teacher took out extra time to teach me but I also am aware I have a long way to go. I want to be at a place where proper grammar comes like second nature to me. Starting a paper or getting to the main point seems to be the most difficult part for me at this point. A lot of the time I don't know where to begin so I don't begin at all for days. It's a really bad habit that I need to stop. Sometimes it's hard for me to stay in the page requirement and I end up writing too much because it takes me too long to get to the point, but I think I might be getting better at it.

Overall, today I enjoy writing. Sometimes I get stuck or feel unmotivated but I do like to write. I enjoy being corrected on my writing and just learning about how to write better in general. I also like getting my ideas onto paper because it helps me to see things more clearly for what they are. I didn't always like to write and I have a lot to improve on but I look forward to learning and improving my writing this semester.