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Digital Writing Reflection

Writing takes a huge role in my life. I use writing every single day. There are many different ways I write. I write in my planner to plan my day out, on my social media pages to express myself, for lesson plans when I am teaching at my job, in papers when I am studying as a student here at Saint Bonaventure University. Writing contributes to my identity by helping me express myself. I like writing better than speaking the majority of the time because I can really think about what I want to say before I say it. I also can see what I am thinking in front of me, I feel this may help me realize what is really on my mind and help me actually see my identity.

I feel that my writing on paper and writing in digital form differs a lot. When I write on paper, my writing process is done differently. Before I start writing on paper, I think about what format/structure I want to write in, then I start writing. When writing on paper, I have all my tools out such as: my different colored pens, whiteout, pencils, erasers, highlighters, and markers. This can be a pain if I am in a tight or small area where I can’t spread out. I also write on paper when I am writing something shorter rather than longer like a list or a couple sentences.

When writing digitally, which I prefer for writing longer pieces like a paper for school or on my beauty blog. I just start typing away and then sculpt the structure after I get the words on the paper. Writing digitally helps me get all of my thoughts out and then worry about my structure and format after. I also have all of my tools on my laptop so there is not any clutter or fuss when working.

The writing processes are both similar because they help me express my thoughts and feelings into a physical form for myself and/or an audience to view to think about or further discuss. When writing digitally or on paper I like to think about what my goal is. I ask myself “What I am trying to get out of this?” I always try to write formally in both writing processes whether it is a paper for school or an Instagram post.

I am a producer of culture by writing on my beauty blog and the culture I am focusing on is beauty. I produce and introduce different ways to perceive beauty. I expose my readers to think that beauty has five areas: skincare, haircare, makeup, physical health, and mental health. My reader benefits from my tips, tricks, and advice about beauty. I use weebly to blog and post photos. I use this writing platform for creative reasons. My blog is strictly for my interest/fun and to help others. I try to shape my life and others around me by making the blog expand on beauty. I explain that beauty is not just makeup or cute nails, but that it is a balance between state of mind and body and how they go together.

I am a consumer by following beauty accounts on social platforms such as Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. My readers benefit from what I consume because I then share my knowledge on my beauty blog. The content that I consume shapes my way of structuring my platform and what my readers see.

Digital technologies play a huge role in my future profession of being a teacher or reading specialist. I will be using my laptop every day for many different things. I will research fun lessons I can do with my students and I will use technologies such as: videos and the SmartBoard during my lessons. I will also use my laptop to record data and write lesson plans for my students and principal.