

Self Assessment Questions

Reflect on the guiding questions to structure your self-assessment. Please feel free to go beyond them. Use these prompts as a foundation, but also draw from your personal journey completing both assignments to enrich your reflection, helping you stay focused and purposeful.

1. *What was the assignment?*

The assignment was to write a synthesis essay that brings together different sources to explore a single topic. The goal was to analyze an issue using research while also connecting ideas across texts in a clear and organized way

2. *What did you write about (YOUR TOPIC)?*

I wrote about language barriers faced by immigrants and how those barriers affect education, employment, and social inclusion. I focused on how language is not just about communication, but also about access to opportunities and equality.

3. *How and why did you choose your topic and main content?*

I chose this topic because it connects closely to real-life immigrant experiences and social inequality. Language barriers are often overlooked, yet they impact many areas of immigrants' lives. I wanted to show how these challenges go beyond personal struggles and reflect larger social issues. I also felt personally connected to the topic, which made it easier to stay engaged while writing.

4. How did the strategies such as reading, drafting, revising, editing, peer-reviews helped you?

Reading the sources helped me understand how language affects education and work opportunities. Drafting allowed me to organize my ideas and decide how to connect each source. Revising helped me improve clarity and flow, especially when explaining research. Editing helped me fix grammar and word choice so my ideas were clearer. Overall, these strategies helped strengthen my argument

5. How did you negotiate your own writing goals and audience expectations regarding conventions of genre, medium, and rhetorical situation?

My goal was to sound academic but still clear and accessible. I focused on using evidence from credible sources while explaining ideas in a way that would be easy for a general audience to understand. Since this was a formal essay, I followed academic conventions like citations and structured paragraphs, but I also made sure my writing stayed focused on real-world impact.

6. What did you struggle with, if anything, when writing this assignment?

One challenge was connecting all the sources smoothly without repeating ideas. I also struggled with finding the right balance

between summarizing research and adding my own analysis. Making sure everything flowed logically took time and multiple revisions.

7. What did you learn when writing this assignment? Provide at least one concrete example with evidence of your learning.

I learned how deeply language barriers affect immigrants' access to education and employment. For example, research showed that students with limited language support are more likely to fall behind academically, and many immigrants face job discrimination due to limited English proficiency. This helped me understand how language is directly linked to social inequality, not just communication.