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Color Coded Revision Reflection

Applying the color-coded revision exercise to my WA1 was very helpful and insightful. In the beginning, it felt a bit unnecessary to go back through my draft and highlight every single thing based on its purpose. However, once I started the process it showed me what I wrote clearer in a way. By breaking down the essay by its thesis, main ideas, claims, etc., it helped me see what exactly I was writing and how each section backs another. It also showed me what sections needed more input and clarification.

One of the insights I gained was seeing how uneven some of my paragraphs were. For example, in paragraph three, I don't have one single line for summarizing the evidence I used. While in paragraph two, there's about three sections that's highlighted strictly green throughout the paragraph. And at other times, all of the strategies are equally balanced throughout the paragraph. This showed me that I'm not consistent in the amount of information I put in my paragraphs and how that causes an imbalance in my work. I also realized that I would be data dropping instead of explaining the significance of the evidence I use or fully connecting it back to my thesis. And through this, it makes it hard for my ideas to be recognized due to my own voice getting lost.

The main things I will revise in my final draft is on the placement of information, going into depth a bit more, and being more clear in my writing. This exercise made it evident that I don't go into depth enough on certain topics which makes it a bit difficult for the readers to

understand the point I'm trying to convey. Strengthening these aspects will help my essay flow better and make my argument easier to understand.

There are three things I want to work on during our next assignment. The first thing I want to work on is adding deeper analysis on the topics I present so my reader can understand why my evidence is crucial. The second thing is practicing on writing more concise sentences to avoid repetition in my work. Lastly, I would want to learn what others ways I can strengthen my argument.