Excerpts from Student Final Grade Reflection Essay

During the start of your class, I was fairly confident in my skills in reading and writing. This class helped me realize that there was much more room for growth in these skills, and that my idea of good reading and writing was a lot simpler than what the skill entails. I also entered your class believing that there was no way I could greatly improve my speaking and listening skills, that they would just remain stagnant. My growth is a testament that that initial belief is wrong. I believe the grade that well reflects my habits and skills in your class is an A, proven by my consistent grades in writing, my change in how I read texts, and my improvement in my listening and speaking skills. - EC

My learning journey began with slight confidence, but it also began with intuition and a spark of interest in English. The prompts and assignments given in reading, writing, and listening and speaking all covered engaging topics which allowed creativity to take place. This creativity carved a path for growth and the development of skills for me to be deserving of an A in this class. I believe an A is deserving because I know my skills, and I know "I CAN" have a 3 in reading, a 4 in writing, and a 4 in listening and speaking. These numbers represent my power of words, my ability to engage in meaningful conversations, and comprehending intense literature. - KD

Over the few months of being enrolled in this course, this course has allowed me to push myself to improve my skills essential in a classroom and outside setting. When I began this course I had a close minded mindset because I have not been in a classroom setting in such a long time. Transitioning from such a different level of comfort to this was different but it felt necessary. Along the way I improved the way I approached my writing and really changed how thorough I would be with my assignments. All throughout this course I have turned in assignments that are representative of the quality of work I stand for. Now as the course is coming to an end I am comfortable when it comes to writing because it has allowed me to explore different ways to approach or answer a question. - WG

First and foremost, I would like to thank you for the enjoyable classroom environment you have built, and for allowing me to enter into an English class that for once, I do not dread. In past English classes, I used to memorize topics then forget everything after the test, and the thought of being called on in front of the class made me uneasy. Now, my relationship with English has improved, and I genuinely understand the curriculum and know how to apply it. - BB

I started my learning journey early this term with the Peak-End essay. Since then, I’ve worked toward all the goals of this class. From the books I read, I learned to better appreciate the words on the page. From the written responses I’ve completed, I have learned to use clear and precise language to convey my thoughts. Finally, from the discussions we’ve had in class, I have become more confident and involved in sharing my thoughts and ideas, while also listening with more care. - OU

I genuinely feel that during my time in this class I have been able to learn and develop so many important skills that I will be able to carry with me throughout the rest of my life, not just in my schooling. - JC