

Letter to the Instructor



Dear Instructor,

Being able to compose good essays is rather substantial for every student because the academic progress directly depends on it. It is clear that knowing something is not enough - a person should also understand how to express his or her ideas through words. This course was very helpful for developing my writing skills.

Like any writer, I have both strong and weak points. To tell the truth, I noticed that the number of my strengths as a writer increased significantly after taking this course. Thus, now I can easily create a strong thesis statement, though earlier I had difficulty in doing it. I had known the rules before taking this course, but it helped me to practice and analyze my mistakes. That experience was very valuable for the further development of my skills as a writer. Before this class, it used to be difficult for me to get thoughts together to begin composing an essay. I think that it kept happening because I was afraid that my essay would not be good enough. Now I know everything about the structure of an essay, so I am not afraid of starting writing anymore. This class also helped me to improve my skills of critical thinking. Expressing my point of view concerning certain issues became easier. Considering my weaknesses, it is still complicated not to use the same words in a paper. Thus, when I am proofreading the latter, I notice many identical words and phrases and start finding synonyms to replace them. I believe that I need more practice to write better from the very beginning of this process. I also notice that creating an outline is one of my weaknesses as well.

Sometimes composing an essay without an outline is easier for me.

However, then I see that either the structure of the paper is not very good or I fail to organize my thoughts properly. I try to do my best to get used to composing an outline because I realize how important it is for creating a perfect paper. Thus, before starting writing, I switch my telephone off, find a calm corner, close my eyes, and try to relax. It is a suitable way to figure out what I am going to write about and in what sequence it is better to structure all my thoughts.

In my opinion, the Summary and Strong Response essay was very successful. Firstly, I am good at writing summaries, and it is one of my most favorite assignments. A summary has a simple structure, and it is always interesting to choose the most important author's ideas to include in it. Secondly, after analyzing an article step-by-step while composing a summary, it is not so difficult to write a response. Some thoughts, views, and arguments definitely come to a person's mind while reviewing an article.

I am not very pleased with Introduction Essay. More exactly, now I realize that this essay contains many flaws. However, when I was writing it, I thought that it was perfect. I suppose that the first essay was not so qualitative because of the lack of experience. I think that after this course it is also very significant for me to be able to differentiate which of my works are of high quality, and which of them are at a lower level.

I am happy that my instructor is so competent. I believe that a student's level of success in any course mostly depends on the instructor's professional qualities and ability to harmonize relations with each student. In this kind of course the instructor's appreciation, tolerance,

and the ability to consider students' opinion means a lot. I am lucky to have the instructor who possesses all these qualities. I think that every student is scared that the instructor will be too strict or judgmental, since it is very damaging at the early stages of studying. If a student receives a hypercritical feedback, he or she may decide that writing is not one of his or her personal strong suits and choose to leave the class. I am delighted that my instructor taught me how to love writing essays.

I like that the class is in an online format because it helps me to save time. Besides, I feel more comfortable at home. Lecture notes were of very high quality because they were very concise and quite clear. The textbook assisted me each time I wanted to make my knowledge more profound.

To sum up, the course made a huge contribution to the development of my writing skills. I am sure that the knowledge I have gained will help me in writing assignments in the future.

Sincerely yours,
Student's name