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College Reading Reflection

Doing the RRJ influenced me to read or thought about the book because it makes me know what each chapter is about, after doing RRJ for each chapter and most importantly, it makes me improve on my ability to comprehend and understand the text more clearly by having to use strategies of my reading skill that the RRJ require me to do. I really have poor habits of reading the book and by having to use good strategies of reading the book, it had made a big difference. I had learned some strategies from my professor and I began using it, which really helps, such as highlighting or underlining the texts and writing notes/summaries for everything I read. Writing notes or summaries for each paragraph have really helped me because by doing this, I am always able to go back and remember what I read, without having to go back and trying to think about what I read. This strategies have help me with any assignments based on teading, such as for english, history, and science class. Without using this strategies, it will makes my life harder because then I will have to crammed all the information in my head and try to remember, in which I don’t think there is any way that I can do that. In addition, I also use the strategies of underlining the texts to help me remembering the main important thing that I need to know, in order to help me comprehend what I am reading. This strategies have really help me of not remembering unnecessary things that I don’t need to know about, but rather makes my mind focus on the information that I have underlined. I feel that if I did not underline anything on the text, I would just reflect on the unnecessary and unsignificant thing that I should not be thinking about. On the other hand, I have also use the strategies of reading the text very slowly, not quickly, in order for me to know every little piece of important information in the text. By reading fast, I don’t know what I am reading and that is why I have difficulty of trying to think and analyze about what I am trying to read when told to do so, such as answering reading comprehension questions. By reading very slowly, it made me understand a lot better, since I am catching all little details in the text. Eventually, this has made me become a better reader very slowly. Some characters from Spare Parts who made me think about my story are Fredi and Allan when they had encourage Lorenzo to do well in his academic performance by saying that if he dropped below a B in any of his classes, then he couldn’t be in the robotics team anymore. This is similar to what my parents do to me because they both told me that if I have a grade below a B in any of my classes, then they won’t buy me anything I love and want. I have to try to earned it otherwise, I won’t get it and my parents are a big motivator toward my success, just like Fredi and Allan are to Lorenzo in trying to prevent him from getting low grades and get him to try the best that he can. Fredi and Allan made me want to go to college because they care so much about education and academics that motivate me to want to go to college and have a successful life in the future, otherwise they wouldn’t tell Lorenzo what to do. My reading have changed since entering college by how when I am reading anything, a book or textbooks, I began to writes notes or a summaries about what I read for each paragraph, not just read the book from several of my professors, in which I did not learned before from any of my teachers in the pasts. Ever since then, my reading began to improve very slowly as time flies by and that I did not have the same poor reading skills habit that I use to have, such as having trouble comprehending what the whole text is about. This is the strategies that I have developed in managing reading assignments. The things that I have read that was difficult for me are “Children’s minds are sensitive to the influences of the world. Their subconscious minds are active, alway imbibing some lesson, and realizing the joy of knowing. This sensitivity receptivity helps them, without any strain, to master language, which is the most complex and difficult instrument of expression, full of indefinable ideas and abstract symbols.” This quote I got from is from an essay I am reading on a book in my english class. The book is called “Reading the World Ideas That Matter” by Michael Austin and the essay is called “To Teachers” by Rabindranath Tagore. The resources that I have use to make sense of it is defining the phrase “sensitivity receptivity” in the dictionary, in which it means being open-minded and that I am able to use this meaning to understand what the whole text is talking about. This text is talking about if children are open minded, then they will have a lot of knowledge that is very important in this world. I feel like an insider in reading for college because I know what I need to do, in order to develop my reading skills. On the other hand, I also feel like an outsider in reading because I never want to develop my reading skills with other people, but only try to get help from my friends, who have better reading skills than me. What I would like to do about this is to stop becoming a racist persion or discriminate person because this is not good.

Successes and Failures Reflection

 In all of my courses at the end of this semester, the assignment or experience that made me feel the most successful is actually taking a lot of my own time to study