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### Reflection/Self-Assessment

In my researched critical analysis essay, I learned that creating, arranging and studying on a specific topic is difficult. At first, I found it impossible to find out what I wanted to write about, all I knew was I wanted my professors and peers to understand what I truly care about and what I find is a powerful issue in this world. My first outlines were terrible, not going to lie; I was gathering all the information I wanted to include and making it all go together so that it's all well organized and smoothly to read. The goal of my paper is to be a message to others that we need to shine a light on issues that are tearing our people apart. I chose to write about police brutality along with the show Seven Seconds. This show made me cry many times, and it made me realize because of everything that's going on in the real world, the media wants people to know what's going on by making shows or short films where we get to see the horrific scenes and how bad the police brutality is in our country. Seven seconds shows us that we need to take action and get justice for those who need it and that's why I chose to write about this. If something this terrible would happen to one of my loved ones I wouldn't know what to do but stand up and fight.

This assignment made me realize that yes, I do have a voice and I also have research, evidence and even counterclaims that can support my argument. My belief is that police brutality is affecting the justice system and the lives of many families and society. I defended my case by using logos and pathos because my paper is a knowledge-based argument that

also arose from passion. The rhetorical choices that I made in my argument are the way I styled and formed my writing. I even formatted my several paragraphs with the intent to persuade my audience and readers that they should agree with my beliefs about police brutality. This assignment has a strong relationship to the course learning outcomes because it helped me figure out how to deliver my argument by first impressions, the arrangement of my words and paragraphs, making sure that my research is fully supported from my sources and that all of my citations were in MLA format. Additionally, I had to come up with a counterargument so that my paper would be biased, but I also had to make sure it was logical and persuasive. My conclusion had to be clear and impactful, and I enjoyed writing mine because I got to wrap it all up and make my stand one more time. Now, I understand how all the assignments, discussion boards, and peer reviews were put into work. All of those things helped me prepare for this big essay, and I'm so glad that I had terrific professors to teach me the basics and even more about how to be ready and not stressed about writing this paper and many more to come.