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Lab Report Analysis Reflection

I have read countless lab reports and after completing this assignment, I can say that I have taken the writing in them for granted all this time. There is a great deal of dissection and mapping that goes into the process of creating a lab report. While writing my lab analysis paper, I saw myself improve in my writing process by spending more time on revisions on the audience specifically and on communicating with members in my class to utilize peer feedback effectively.

While in the past, I have dedicated more time to the final version of the paper than the draft itself, in this process, I dedicated equal amounts of time for both the first several drafts and the final version of the paper. I have spent more time editing my draft to produce the final version due to radical revision on my paper. One aspect I tackled specifically is ambiguity within my paper. I had used general phrases to describe my points like "*this*" and "*something*" to refer to different nouns and this led to a lot of ambiguity in my paper. This ended up making my revision process a lot more timely than it should have been. I hope to build on my writing for the future by keeping in mind the audience by always asking myself questions as to whether or not my nouns are clear when I am writing. By writing with closer attention to my clarity in my nouns, I hope too that my ideas become more clear for future papers.

While working on my paper, I had emailed a couple peers versions of my draft for comments through google docs. By using google docs, I saw comments highlighted in my work in a clear, accessible, and coherent fashion. On top of being able to receive comments without the

need of a physical paper being exchanged, I was able to respond to comments and ask questions about the comments made. The use of google docs for editing created a conversation from the comfort of my own home. A specific comment regarding the pictures I used from a classmate became a key pivot point for me in my lab analysis. I was asked specifically "Why is this image important", to which I replied, "It's one of my components". After a couple more exchanges, I realized that although the image had value to me, the image I had used had no value to the audience because it lacked proper labeling. I then labeled and applied this information to the rest of my paper, realizing my mistake through this collaborative process.

Through writing this lab analysis paper, I have addressed enhancing my writing strategy with drafting and reading for revisions, and developed/engaged in collaborative and social aspects of the writing process. Through implementing ^{what?} more I believe that I have learned and improved in writing and can thus bring better communication to my field. For future assignments, I look forward to continue implementing improvements in my writing by thinking more about the audience through my writing process, and by continuing to use online media to work effectively to collaborate with peers.

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