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Writing for Engineers

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### Theory of Writing

Writing to me is getting straight to the point based on the purpose of the piece and completing all guidelines listed in an assignment, essay, etc. Trying to bring as much attention as possible to your readers is a main priority in writing as they become more interested with work and understand what you are saying at all times. This is done by providing information the reader may not know already. Coming into this class and looking at the assignments for this semester, my theory of writing was to always cite work properly when using outside sources or information. My theory for coming into the class evolved throughout this course as we went on in each assignment, we practiced more and more how to correctly cite a source in your works' cited pages or in-text citations. My theory of writing has evolved by working in groups for the innovation project. Meeting up with other students helped me get an understanding of alternative ways of writing and how those students think about writing. The main thing that has contributed to my theory of writing is having different types of essay to write whether it was technical description, rhetorical analysis and even the innovation group project. Each assignment has provided different instructions on what the students have to complete which helps completing the purpose of the essay. Another thing that contributes to my theory is tone and language. This is key because having a good tone in your paper builds a connection between you and your readers, in which it brings a type of emotional response from them. With language, you must find words

that fit the topic of the entire writing piece and that are familiar with the audience which causes the readers to understand what is being said. My theory of writing will be applied to situations outside the classroom in jobs where they require their employees to write reports and papers that are presented to an audience. In these types of writing you will need to make sure that you can bring as much attention as possible to interest your readers while following the requirements in your paper. For instance, in my Technical Description paper, I tried to bring attention to my audience by including how the Air Pod Pros charging case allows the airpods to last 4.5 hours of listening time in one full charge. Showing this piece of information makes a reader become more interested in this product since it enables you to save so much time on charging and maximizes its use.

The letter of introduction is the first assignment given to us in which we introduce ourselves to our professors. To me this one had the most to do with my theory of writing since we had to represent ourselves to the professor and bring his/her attention towards us. My approach to writing this letter was to answer each of the guidelines listed in the syllabus, while also giving details to help bring attention to the audience. For example, in the letter, I said that I was a transfer student from Manhattan College and also provided details on why I chose to transfer stating that it cost less to attend City College of New York and that I would be saving a lot of money in the rest of my years as a civil engineering student. This brings attention by showing my story of who I am and what type of student I am and my experiences as a student which was a question that was supposed to be answered while also following the rubric.

The rhetorical analysis was different in the way that we were not writing our own paper based on a task but was analyzing a lab report that we found online. My process in analyzing the report here was exactly as my theory says, in which you follow the guidelines of the task at hand. There were eight elements which were key parts into writing a lab report and I explained how the authors of the lab report I chose explained each element corresponding with the definitions of each from chapter 19 of the Technical Communication books. A course learning outcome that was learned in this paper was the ability to “locate research sources (including academic journal articles, magazine and newspaper articles) in the library’s databases”. Having access to the CCNY database made it easy to find a lab report that for the most part had all of the elements needed to be discussed. One of the rhetorical terms used in this whole assignment was audience. As though it wasn’t me who used the term audience, the authors of the report used it which taught me ways in which writers catch the attention of their readers.