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#### **Essay 1: Discourse Community Narrative**

R/campingandhiking is a subreddit based on outdoor activities, the goal of which is to spread knowledge and experiences from the outdoors in the community. The average posts are usually scenic pictures taken by users, but can be as diverse as text posts, gear lists, and Q&As. Members of the subreddit communicate with distinct colloquialisms and jargon, either based on mainstream words or created entirely on r/campingandhiking. Shortened words and acronyms help users communicate with more ease and make the discourse easier, because they are quicker to type and read. Other slang words are more distinct to users "in the know", and the function of these words and phrases is to determine experience levels and appear more knowledgeable. The lexis in this subreddit r/campingandhiking makes it easier to spread information, advice, and experience on gear, etiquette, food, and any other questions members may have, and to determine hierarchy in the context of r/campingandhiking, which are the values of the community.

Some of the language used in the subreddit can be applied in other communities, however a few words stick out as unique. These acronyms and shortened words develop naturally in the community to promote ease of communication, because members using the lexis won't have to use full technical names and phrases, making communication guicker. An example of an acronym that can be used almost anywhere online is "AFAIK" which is an acronym for "as far as I know". This can be used in any other discourse community and makes its appearances in r/campingandhiking. It is mainly a term used when you want to give advice but are not totally sure, and many people on r/campingandhiking do just that. The first of the more unique words, MRE, stands for "Meal, ready to eat". These are packaged meals given to military personnel and used by members of the r/campingandhiking community for their easy portability. The full name is never used in the discourse, MRE has developed into almost a word all its own in the subreddit. Another example, SAR stands for "search and rescue" teams that go find lost people who may be in danger in the wilderness. To an outsider this word couldn't be deciphered without context. These rescue workers are very important to community members who come into dangerous situations in the field. A 14er is

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a shortened version of "fourteener", which is a slang term to describe a mountain, the summit of which is fourteen thousand feet above sea level or higher. This is used because many members of the community are in fact mountain climbers as well as campers and hikers.

Besides terminology created entirely within the sub-reddit, users also make use of seldom used, niche English words. The following term is a proper English word, but is not well known to people who aren't part of this specific community. The name for travelling to a remote location over land, usually in a vehicle rather than on foot, is overlanding. This activity involves traversing a given distance over land to a desired location and removing any obstacles in the way. Overlanders will usually have a kit to get their vehicle through dense areas by using saws to cut trees, and blades against shrubbery. Many r/campingandhiking community members take part in overlanding, to get to remote outdoor spots. Another English word is "glamping", this is the word used in the community to describe being in the wilderness, but having luxuries like technology, and comfort items. Glamping typically involves expensive equipment, artificial heat in cold places, having the best foods. The lexis is not complicated, but some of it can be new to most people. The users who know these terms meanings tend to be experienced in the discourse lingo, and these individuals stand out as higher up.

Experience, on the subreddit and in real life, is the major determinant of hierarchy in this community. Those who are the most experienced in the outdoors with camping and hiking are typically revered in the subreddit more than newcomers. There is a special respect for people considered "old timers". These are typically older people, as the name suggests, who are seasoned hikers and campers. The term can be applied to older people in many other communities as well as real life and is almost never used to refer to younger or middle-aged people. Old timers know things that can only be learned through experience, and many years of learning. There are few old timers active on the subreddit but they are idolized and referred to often by the users. A "gatekeeper" is someone who decides which individuals have rights or are excluded from the community. In r/campingandhiking these people are typically more seasoned, and judge newcomers who may not be prepared, or are ill-equipped for an outing. These individuals are only looking to steer others in the right direction and are the

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majority of users who would identify as "gatekeepers". These people are more benevolent than judgmental. There are however "gatekeepers" who create toxicity by shaming newcomers for their lack of experience, or in some cases expensive name brand gear. This goes both ways, and other "gatekeepers" will judge individuals simply because they do in fact have brand new gear. An example of a source of judgement comes from an activity called "glamping" detailed earlier, involving luxuries of heat and expensive food. This is typically said in a derogatory sense and insinuates that users who "glamp" are not truly hiking and camping and therefore should not be members of the community. Glamping is looked down upon by many members of the community, even the benevolent ones.

Some of the terms used in r/campingandhiking are the names of singular products but applied as a blanket term over all the similar products. This comes about because those products are prominent in the culture of the community. For example, Garmin is a company that makes portable GPS, and is well known in the community. Garmin is very important to members of the community who use it to navigate in the wilderness, and some completely depend on them. Many members use Garmin as their word for all GPS because it is so well known, and reputable. This practice can be looked at in two ways. Purists may detest referring to their equipment by a generic term like so and look down on this language. The people who do in fact use the blanket terms however come off as experienced and knowledgeable on proper gear, to most users.

On September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020, a reddit user made a post detailing his experience with "noobs" in the outdoors. These people are walking trails in the wilderness with no safety equipment or supplies. They have no "Garmin" and instead use their phone maps to navigate trails. Their plans if they become stranded or lost are just to call "SAR". He makes it very clear that he does not want to "gatekeep" these people but asks for advice on how to politely advise them. He is informed that a lot of "old timers" used to go out with barely any supplies for their short trips, and that many people now use their phones as GPSs with no safety issues. The user decides that the best thing to do is subtly make sure other hikers are aware how dangerous or difficult a certain trail is, if he feels they are underprepared. This true discourse displays how the users of r/campingandhiking work together to spread knowledge

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and experience about the outdoors, and determine hierarchy aided by the community's lexis.

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## Essay 2: Cultural Artifact Analysis

The subreddit r/campingandhiking is an online community found on the website Reddit, with a focus on outdoor activities such as the ones in its namesake. On the subreddit, there are many artifacts with a cultural significance to the community. The most commonly found, and most exemplary form of these are the pictures of views found on the subreddit. These typically consist of a picture taken by the user of a scenic view, with a short caption giving context. There is no shortage of these pictures on the subreddit and they can be found very quickly when scrolling through. Pictures of views on the subreddit r/campingandhiking hold a deep cultural significance through their purpose, exigence, and circulation. The purpose of this photo was for the user to share their experience with the people on the subreddit, and to validate himself as a member by showing his outdoor prowess. The images are circulated to a wide audience of intended and not intended viewers. These posts have exhibited exigence because more people are participating in outdoor activities. Because of the lockdown and quarantine caused by the novel coronavirus, people have sought ways to keep busy while staying away from population centers, creating a popularity of camping and hiking, and by extension artifacts like this. The posts on the subreddit use these factors and their



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visuals to enforce the community values of sharing outdoor experience and knowledge and helping to determine hierarchy in the subreddit.

This post from r/campingandhiking shows a landscape from an area of wilderness in Idaho. The specific area is the sawtooth wilderness area. The photographer was in the area to fly fish for 5 days. The landscape features a river, mountains in the background, and the photographer is surrounded by shrubbery and brush. There are some features that many of the pictures on the subreddit have in common, like sunrises, sunsets, and freshwater either still or running. The sun is rising in the back of the picture, which means the user woke up early enough to see the sun rise. Early rising is a determinant of hierarchy in the community because it displays a fortitude and drive to accomplish outdoor activities no matter the hour. This particular one showcases a river which is running fresh water. The water is an iridescent orange-yellow color reflecting the sunrise. There is a tree line a few hundred yards in front of the user, contrasting the barren look of the frosty landscape. The frost on the shrubbery and grass conveys temperature to the viewer, by eliciting thoughts of the cold.

This artifact shows many elements of the rhetorical star in the context of r/campingandhiking. The intended audience is people on the subreddit, however the actual audience included the user, the members of the subreddit, people viewing the subreddit, and anyone who saw the picture IRL. The image is generally visually appealing, and the viewer does not have to be a member of the subreddit to enjoy the grande vista. Because of this, the image may be shared by members of the subreddit to people who are not a part of it so they may enjoy the picture, adding to the overall actual audience. The image was circulated by posting it to r/campingandhiking and it is now a trending post on the website. It could have possibly also been circulated on alternate forms of social media the user may possess. This post exhibits exigence because the user is finding ways to enjoy themselves away from people during the coronavirus pandemic. The wilderness the user is in makes it unlikely for him to come into contact with other people, and because of this it is a safe activity, in a time where close contact with people can be dangerous. This contributes to the popularity of the post as more people take up outdoor activities, or develop tastes for them, and join the community.

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The purpose of this photo was for the user to share their experience with the people on the subreddit, and to validate himself as a member by showing his outdoor prowess. He mentions that he is fly fishing for 5 days, which shows that he is a member of the community through his hobby. Fishing is a popular hobby within the subreddit, and those who can do so successfully gain respect. The length of his trip, the cold atmosphere conveyed in the picture, and his early wake up come together to show that the user has developed abilities in the community's areas of interest. This artifact serves to inspire community members to take similar trips and enforces the community value of sharing knowledge by allowing other users to experience a place they may not have seen otherwise.



There are many diverse sub-genres within pictures on the subreddit, which have different traits but similar reasoning for their inclusion. This post from the subreddit was taken in the Arkansas wilderness. Some popular posts such as this one display the night sky without any light pollution, which is ambient light that artificially dulls star light allowing the viewer to see the stars well. With no light pollution, it is sure that the user is far away from city lights and must be deep into the wilderness. This is a determinant of hierarchy because it shows that the user made a successful outdoor trip, which shows knowledge of the subreddit's subject.

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The stars and constellations are seen very well in the picture, even with the fire light contrasting. Fire is a common motif in artifacts like these because it symbolizes safety and mastery of the elements to members of the subreddit. Fire has connotations of warmth and comfort to many members of the community. There are mountains in the background like in the last artifact. The group is camping under a tree which is displaying autumnal colors. This shows that it is getting cooler out and the user had to brave the cold to enjoy the view. There are at least three people present, of unknown age, sex, or race. Having three people is not as effective to determine hierarchy as if the user was alone like in the first artifact. The user did however, likely have to stay up late, the opposite of what the user from the first artifact did, but with the same purpose to show that they had fortitude to withstand extreme hours.

This artifact, like the last, can be rhetorically analyzed to show its true significance. The intended audience is people on the subreddit, however the actual audience included the user, the members of the subreddit, people viewing the subreddit, and anyone who saw the picture IRL. The three people in the picture, one of them possibly the user, are also part of the audience because they witnessed it in real life. The exigence of this artifact comes about because of the coronavirus pandemic. People have been increasingly taking up outdoor hobbies to get away from population centers. Because there is no light pollution it is safe to assume that this was far enough away from civilization that the user and their companions did not have to worry about contact with other people. This image was circulated on the subreddit r/campingandhiking in late September, and may have been shared by users to their friends. The purpose of this image is to boost the user's hierarchy in the community because the original poster and their companions made a successful trip, they were comfortable because they had fire, they stayed up later at night, they dealt with cold temperatures, and they were far enough away from society to clearly see the constellations. A successful trip is a major determinant of hierarchy in the community. This picture is also attractive to many people who may see it, because of the vibrant contrasting colors between the fire and night sky. Because of this the user shared a positive experience with other community members which is a major cornerstone of the community.

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Pictures of views on the subreddit r/campingandhiking help to determine hierarchy and share outdoor experiences with the community. These are both major goals of the community. The users' purpose in posting the images is to do just that. These posts have been circulated frequently on the subreddit and it is exceedingly easy to find them there. Pictures of views on the subreddit have gained much popularity because more people are spending time in the remote outdoors due to the coronavirus lockdown keeping them away from large groups of people. The artifacts chosen demonstrate how these posts use components of the rhetorical star and their visuals to enforce the community goals and values of spreading knowledge and experience, and determining hierarchy.

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#### **Essay 3: Virtual Ethnography**

#### Introduction

R/campingandhiking is an online community on the website Reddit.com. The community has a focus on discussing outdoor topics, questions related to the same topic, and sharing experiences. Many users on the subreddit post pictures of views from places they have been and these are one of the most popular types of post. The community is very centric to the goals of sharing experience and knowledge about subjects like camping, hiking, and other outdoor activities. There is a clear hierarchy in the community based on experience and knowledge related to the topic of the subreddit. People who know a lot about the community subject and have been involved with it for a long time are respected in the subreddit.

Based on observations made while studying the community, aspects of the person that are not relevant to the subject of the subreddit are not important, and any identification of the self-made during a community interaction has a relevance to the discussion. What this means is users do not identify factors about themselves when they are not relevant to the conversation. These factors of the person include gender, race, creed, and social status. When one of these is mentioned it means that it is important to the discussion in some way, even if the reason cannot be seen at face value. In the threads examined, this trend becomes apparent on a few notable occasions.

#### Methods

To perform this ethnography, all primary research was done observing the community. Over the course of three months, I have observed the community r/campingandhiking to draw conclusions about how it operates. My ethnographic observations were made over the course of one week, and the field notes were done over 3 weeks; the first week observation, the second week analysis, and the third week any trends that arose. I observed the three threads over the course of a few hours, to try to ascertain any motives, or nuances in them. At no point did I make my presence known to the participants or contribute in any way to the threads. Being that I was there as a clandestine observer, the interaction in each thread was unadulterated and genuine in theory, given no external factors.

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Because of this the observation methods were ethical and changed no interaction. All three threads were inactive by the time of observation.

#### Results

The results of the collective observation of the three threads are displayed below. There is no attempt made to analyze yet, and these are just observations and notes. No secondary research is included in the below results.

The user in the first thread examined is a self-identified woman from the Pacific Northwest, who has experience camping, and is 40 years old. She is looking for a place to have an outing not far from Northwest Washington. She prefers to be in a place away from large numbers of people. She owns a tent, and a car, but she prefers to "glamp" and stay in a small cabin if possible because she is going alone. Glamping being a term to describe a situation like camping, where one is staying in the woods, but having added amenities. Four users answer her thread. U/bob\_lala suggests going to either Oregon or Washington which have many campgrounds and opportunities for Glamping. The second user recommends going to Washington where one can rent cabins and "yurts". A yurt is essentially a large dome shaped tent. The second responder adds links to booking a yurt or cabin and instructs the user to book one soon because they are popular and availability runs out fast. The third response suggests renting a cabin at Kalaloch, Sol Duc hot springs. The final response is very short and suggests Ruby beach.

u/Z010011010 makes no identification of their gender, race, or age. They make a post concerned that too many people are going unprepared into the wilderness and the poster is worried that this could be a fatal mistake. He does identify himself as an amateur because he says that he is not an expert guide. He also makes it clear that he is not trying to "gatekeep". A gatekeeper is someone who judges a person's status in the community. This term is also used to identify a toxic person in the community. His main question is how to let people know they are underprepared without being rude or condescending. The top comment instructs the user that most of the people who are underprepared come out safe, and if the user really wants to help, they can bring extra water to give to passersby. The next comment says that they believe the original poster is being too nitpicky, and that these people will be just fine. The third commenter adds that it may be a good idea

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to let underprepared people know what the poster carries so they get an idea that they may be lacking. The next commenter u/woodbarber volunteers for SAR which stands for search and rescue, an organization that finds lost people in the outdoors. This user adds to the discussion by saying they would never tell anyone to leave the trail, but they also compare gear to give them an idea that they are underprepared. All three of these users had verbally emphasized the user's need to be polite to those he interacts with.

The final thread is a gear discussion thread about what to keep in a car at the trailhead. Gear posts like this are popular with the users, who use it as an opportunity to give advice, and to show off their experience and knowledge. The original poster does not identify anything about themselves not directly relevant to the post. The post is a list of the users' typical list of items they leave in the car while on hikes and while camping. The user also asks other users what they leave in their cars to get an idea of what he could add. The first suggestion is a change of clothes and a way to clean eyeglasses. Several users recommend leaving information in the car for rangers to find the user should they become lost, and detailed descriptions of where they will be. One user from Canada does not identify their gender but mentions that they do have a wife. This user suggests leaving a cooler with drinks of choice and ice in it for a reward at the end of the trail. Everyone on the thread remains gender neutral, and few users identify anything about themselves not related to the subreddit. All posts try to contribute to what the original poster is asking.

#### Analysis

The user in the first thread identifies herself by gender and location, this is one of the few times this is done. Gender does not appear to be important on the subreddit and has no relevance to the community goals. She makes it clear that she prefers to glamp. This is because glamping is safer than being in a tent, and a cabin offers more security. She wants to glamp because of her alone status she says. This can be interpreted several ways, the first being that she can afford more luxury due to lack of people in her party. The second would be that she feels vulnerable, because she is alone. The other users seemed to respect this and gave the original poster all the information she wanted. This is not because she was a woman and

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they sought some kind of clout by helping a "damsel in distress". Users in the community would be willing to help anyone out, because of the community value of spreading experience and knowledge about the subreddits topics. However, because she needed specific advice on what to do, and why she felt like she had to do it, the user was forced to identify herself. Her identification by location would help the other users find her a place. Her gender identification was not necessary by face value, but there could be reasons behind it, which can't be definitely speculated on.

u/Z010011010 makes no identification of their gender, race, or age. This user posted the second thread in the notes. They are a self-proclaimed amateur because they said they are not professional. The user is concerned that they are gatekeeping. Whether they are subconsciously judging or not is almost impossible to tell. One of the commenters u/woodbarber volunteers for SAR, which stands for search and rescue. This user immediately gets noticeable respect from the previous commenter and the original poster for their occupation. With an emphasis on skills and experience it would make sense that being a member of search and rescue would put someone high on a scale of hierarchy. Unlike the original poster, this user is a professional. u/woodbarber identifies themselves because they have relevant say in the thread. Being that they are a member of the hierarchy, their opinion would theoretically get more respect, and in the thread it does. The identification the user makes is akin to an EMT showing their badge at an accident scene, because it is a display of authority.

In the third thread, the original poster makes no effort to identify themselves in any way, and only divulges information related to their post. The subreddit is very neutral in respect to all attributes of a person not related directly to the subject of the subreddit. Few if any users on the subreddit r/campingandhiking will treat anyone's questions differently based on class, race, creed or gender. Any bias on the subreddit comes from aspects of the person that are disjoint from those attributes. Judgement comes from lack of experience, perceived disrespect and showing off. One of the repliers suggests leaving a Yeti cooler in the car with cool drinks inside to enjoy after the hike. The user makes mention of this not to say that they have a Yeti to boast, but in the context of giving the other community members ideas on how to enjoy the end of their trip better. This is not entirely an

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identification of the self, but this same user does identify that they have a wife. This is relevant to the topic being discussed because their wife goes with them when they hike, so even though they are an external person, the fact that the user has a wife is indeed relevant to the subreddit topic. Therefore, in this thread, no one identifies anything about themselves that is not related to the topic.

In Emily van der Nagel's 2013 paper, "Faceless Bodies: Negotiating Technological and Cultural Codes on reddit gonewild", van der Nagel explores anonymity on the reddit bulletin "reddit gonewild". The author asserts that online anonymity is a cornerstone of interaction on the internet. Van der Nagel explores this concept in the next paragraph which talks about how anonymity can cause harm on the community, and how attempts have been made to legislate it. In the next paragraph, van der Nagel counters the previous information with writing about how many people on the internet prefer anonymity even with its negatives. The author asserts that people online "recognized that not only polite comments" contributed usefulness to conversations" in regard to the issue of people using anonymity to be rude. In the final paragraph of the introduction, van der Nagel explains that when anonymity is not given, people will create anonymity by hiding their physical identity, and wraps up her controlling idea that anonymity is essential to some online communities. Reddit gonewild, as the author suggests, has its anonymity enforced through social and technological guidelines. R/campingandhiking has anonymity mainly enforced through social guidelines. (van der Nagel, 2013, pg. 1-10)

According to van der Nagel, usernames on Reddit are made to avoid divulging any social information. Identifications of the self are not to be made in this community, one of their primary values is anonymity. This is similar to r/campingandhiking, where personal information is not shared without a reason, but to a lesser degree. According to van der Nagel, even following the rules of total anonymity carries the risk of "drawing criticism and abuse". In the threads which were observed in the results section, there were no clear punishments for breaking anonymity, but that seems to be a difference in the two communities. In the first observed thread even though the woman identified herself she got no visible backlash or abuse from the repliers. In the second thread the user who worked for SAR received no backlash, and possibly even augmented their respect level in the

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thread by identifying. The user in the last thread who mentions he has a wife is also let off easily. This is likely because the rules aren't set in stone and are more socially enforced than enforced by rule of law. In reddit gonewild the rules of anonymity are part of the guidelines of the website, according to van der Nagel. Whereas users on r/campingandhiking may identify themselves if it is relevant because of the social environment and focus on being helpful, reddit gonewild does not have these provisions and appears to be much stricter with their guidelines as is shown in van der Nagel's writing.(van der Nagel, 2013, pg. 1-10)

In the 2010 article "Radical Opacity" by Julian Dibbell, the author studies 4chans origins and online anonymity. The focus of the anonymity portions of the article explain how and why there is anonymity on 4chan. The writer echoes 4chan creator Tim Poole by saying that anonymity on the internet is favored because it gives people freedom. Anonymous users on websites like 4chan can voice their opinion without the fear of backlash or punishment, writes Dibbell, which allows them to be their true selves. The examples that the author puts forth for the benefits of anonymity are to "(explore an unconventional sexuality, seek treatment for a stigmatized disease)". With a rise in social media like Facebook, the concept of anonymity on the internet has become more strained according to the author, and internet culture is drifting away from its anonymous roots. What this means in the context of r/campingandhiking is that perhaps the reason for anonymity is because it is more freeing. (Dibbell, 2020, par. 4-6)

In the light which the author describes it, 4chan appears to be more anonymous than r/campingandhiking, and unlike the subreddit very few 4chan users have a username. If as the author says "Though Poole himself is known to the site's users by the cryptic pseudonym "moot," on 4chan even using a pseudonym is rare.", then perhaps a lower level of anonymity is acceptable for higher members of the community. This principle would explain why the SAR user was able to break the social rules of anonymity in r/campingandhiking. 4chan is described as almost totally anonymous in the article but this piece of information shows that there are some exceptions to even the strictest guidelines. This explains why the woman was able to identify herself without backlash in the first thread. The subreddit r/campingandhiking appears to be less strict than 4chan as the author describes it in this fashion. The environment it promotes is not meant to shut people down, so

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even if the guidelines promote anonymity the users who break these rules are not penalized. This is in contrast to 4chan where the interactions are almost entirely anonymous. (Dibbell, 2020, par. 4-6)

# Discussion

Anonymity is a major part of internet culture and is woven into the fabric of many websites. The anonymity of websites varies in degrees, from totally unacceptable to divulge personal information to very open (Dibbell, 2010, par. 5). In the subreddit r/campingandhiking, self-identification is rare unless it is necessary. What this suggests is that some users on the internet will prefer anonymity even when it is not enforced by rules or enforced vigorously socially.

There is no rule against these redditors identifying themselves by name as if they were using a totally anonymous bulletin like reddit gonewild (van der Nagel, 2013, pg. 1-2), but they choose not to for their own reasons. That may be freedom of expression, to keep conversation short, or simply because they can. As anonymity on the internet comes to a close with the rise of social media (Dibbell, 2010, par. 5), the subreddit r/campingandhiking remains a place where people can talk in an online setting and remain anonymous unless their identification is needed for the topic or question at hand.

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## **Reflection Letter**

Dear Professor Manivannan,

This semesters English class has taught me quite a few things about my writing. The first thing was how to workshop and the virtues of doing so. Prior to English 120, I had never had a workshop session that operated like the ones we did. Any time in a high school class or prior when students reviewed each other's work it was a quick arrangement usually conducted in the class. These ones were different, we were able to get honest revisions and advice from our workshop groups. I can't speak for everyone obviously, but I gained a lot from workshops, usually in the way of grammar critique and wording critique. I enjoyed my group as well; they were all very good workers and I enjoyed our meetings. We had fun and got work done every time we met for revisions. The meetings with you for feedback after a few of the essays also greatly helped, because I was able to hear directly from you what you thought of the essay. I greatly appreciated the opportunity for the workshops and feedback conferences. The second thing I learned was how to fix grammar and wording mistakes. The vast majority of revisions I had to make for my final portfolio was fixing commas and spaces. My group members pointed out many of my grammar mistakes for me, and another classmate I met with to revise our papers helped me with my grammar and additionally my wording. The third thing I learned was how to use the writing center. Being a first year student and having never encountered something similar before, using the writing center was a new experience for me. It was good to learn to do so early for any classes that may require it. Additionally, the writing center was a huge help brainstorming for my essays especially the second essay. My writing center tutor gave me great ideas when I was picking my subreddit and trying to find a cultural artifact. The tutor I used most frequently was actually my unv101 peer leader, so we were familiar. The fourth thing I learned about writing was the three new types of essay. I had never done a discourse community narrative, ethnography, or analyzed a cultural artifact before this year. In the topic of new essay details, I had also never truly done two phases in any essay. Of course, I had done rough drafts before, but I had never truly done two distinct phases of an essay with different requirements. This

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semester was not necessarily difficult but it was a different experience. My first semester of college and it was totally online, which was two new firsts, as when we went remote in my high school all work was asynchronous. Thankfully, I was able to adjust well, I learned about my schedule and how to manage time in college. My internet was good enough that I only had a few instances where it went out and I needed to hotspot my laptop (once during a 15-minute meeting with you). Overall, I enjoyed the experience, and learned a few different writing techniques and styles, especially pertaining to college. Thank you for the materials needed to get success in this class, and effectively complete my assignments.

From, Student 2