CM220 Sample Discussion Post:
Unit 2

Please note that this is a sample Discussion post to help inspire and guide your own original writing of the Assignment. Your Assignment does not need to look exactly like the sample, as this sample is just a possible response to the Assignment prompt. Be sure to review the Reading and grading rubric, complete each task in the instructions, and contact the instructor with any questions.

Discussion:

My writing process definitely changes depending upon the writing situation. I just started a blog with informal movie reviews, and I find that I write my posts best when I have just seen the movie and have details fresh in my mind. I might jot down notes about scenes I really enjoyed or parts that disappointed me, but I do not need to do any formal prewriting. For a school assignment or work-related project, I try to do more preparation, but too often, I write my school assignments with less preparation than a blog post. I think the main change I need to make to my writing process for this class will be reviewing the discussion and assignment instructions very carefully prior to writing. I have a tendency to glance at an assignment and just start writing, and too often, I end up leaving out an important part of the assignment.

My idea generating process is pretty scattered at this point, but I felt encouraged by the subtitle of Boone’s article, “from mess to masterpiece” (2011). To get inspiration, I reviewed Steve Johnson’s (2010) TED Talk “Where Good Ideas Come From.” I loved his point that ideas do not have to come in a single “illuminating moment” but instead usually emerge from a “network” where people and their environment inspire each other to come up with solutions to problems, like the “neonurture device” made from car parts (Johnson, 2010). I don’t have to have all of the answers right away; this class and my professor will help me nurture my ideas.

Trying to come up with a problem to tackle is a little intimidating, but I do have several issues that interest me. The one I think I will write about for this unit is rooted in my personal experience and tied to my future career. I have a son on the autism spectrum who is nonverbal, and I am studying to become an ABA (applied behavior analyst) therapist so I can work with other children on the spectrum and be better equipped to help my own son. I believe that this topic is interesting to a lot of people given the increasing number of kids with autism and ADHD, and I know I can find research on this topic on the internet and in the Library since I have already been reading some articles on this topic for my education classes.

References


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RESPONSE POST:

Hi Kelly,

I think your topic is a great one! My sister has a daughter on the autism spectrum, and she has been very frustrated by her insurance company’s refusal to cover even a couple of sessions a week. On her recommendation, I read a wonderful book called Let Me Hear Your Voice, a memoir describing a family’s struggle with autism and their use of ABA to help their two children. Catherine Maurice (1993) wrote the book, and she offers a lot of great background on ABA and its creator, Lovaas. The book also made me think of the network of innovators that Johnson describes — so many people worked together to help these children, and they actually ended up being “recovered” from autism according to Maurice (1993). I think you would find a lot of helpful ideas in the book; Maurice even includes the ABA curriculum they developed for her children.

I look forward to seeing where this topic takes you!

John

References