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Reflection for a technical description

My essay provides a technical description of a door knob, exploring its inner workings and impact on history. I had never paid attention to the inner workings of a doorknob and was interested in how this everyday item actually works. I wanted to teach readers how the doorknob operates and inform them about its structure, format, and history. By doing so, readers can fully understand the impact that this overlooked item has had on people today. Additionally, I wrote this essay to help people invest in a better door knob, one that incorporates new technology to better keep them safe. Understanding how the current door knob works can result in an improved door knob overall. The intended audience for this essay includes my classmates, my teacher, Elisabeth von Uhl, individuals interested in the mechanisms of door knobs, and current or aspiring engineers.

This essay helped me achieve the course learning outcome of enhancing strategies for reading, drafting, revising, editing, and self-assessment. I learned diverse ways to manage and self-assess my work, and peer reviews helped me plan and understand the direction of my essay. Specifically, this helped me in planning because I was able to learn how to structure my sections. This essay also helped me achieve the next course learning outcome of engaging in the collaborative and social aspects of writing processes by sharing our work and gaining diverse perspectives on writing strategies. Moreover, completing this assignment helped me achieve the learning outcome of practicing using various library resources, online databases, and the Internet

to locate appropriate sources for writing projects. For this essay, it was challenging to find sources that explained the inner workings of the doorknob, so it helped me develop new strategies, such as paying close attention to my search terms. Lastly, this assignment helped me strengthen my source-use practices, including evaluating, integrating, quoting, paraphrasing, summarizing, synthesizing, analyzing, and properly citing my sources. As this was the first time I had to create a title page and table of contents for my work, as well as cite my own images and use different level headings, I learned a lot about APA citation while preparing for this essay.