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Reflection for Lab Report Rhetorical Analysis

My essay is a rhetorical analysis of three lab reports. I was motivated to write about this topic because I was interested in exploring the typical formatting and information included in lab reports, regardless of the subject. Furthermore, I wanted to caution readers who are new to scholarly work about what to expect and avoid when reading lab reports. The purpose of this essay is to inform readers about the content of lab reports and how to navigate them. Therefore, I rated the lab reports based on their structure, format, and use of bullet points and bolded paragraph titles to highlight essential information. Additionally, I wrote this essay to help future lab report writers improve their writing skills so that academic information is more accessible to the general public, and people can rely on academic sources with more confidence. Future lab report writers can also learn the importance of emphasizing their topic and how more researchers are needed to continue discovering new knowledge, which can inspire readers to conduct their own research. My intended audience includes my classmates, my teacher Elisabeth von Uhl, individuals interested in exploring academic topics, and lab report writers.

This essay helped me achieve the course learning outcome of enhancing strategies for reading, drafting, revising, editing, and self-assessment. I learned various ways to manage and self-assess my work, and peer reviews helped me plan and understand the direction of my essay.

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 different perspectives on how to approach writing. 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. Since we had to use sources from the CCNY library, I became more familiar with navigating the website to find scholarly sources. Lastly, this assignment helped me strengthen my source use practices, including evaluating, integrating, quoting, paraphrasing, summarizing, synthesizing, analyzing, and citing sources. As this was the first time I had to cite in APA format, I learned a lot about APA citation while preparing for this essay.