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Critical Response #1 Reflection

This was my first paper that I wrote for Rhet 105, and it was in the beginning of the school year. As a freshman, I was still adjusting to college life. I had always been a decent writer, but I was nervous because I did not know the expectations of college courses and professors. Overall, the content of my paper was good.

In this response paper, I had to respond to three different sources. I read each one carefully and made some interesting connections between them that helped me write the paper. I felt good about what I had written and assumed that I would receive a decent grade. However, I was not aware of every direction given for the assignment. I had not completed some important parts of this assignment; all of which were easy points that I could have received.

I did not put a title on my paper. The title was worth one point but the entire assignment was worth ten points so that automatically dropped my grade ten percent. This was a stupid mistake that could have easily been avoided if I had read the rubric. Also, when I wrote this paper, I was still in the mindset of our discussion quizzes which were only one paragraph. So when I wrote this paper, I only wrote one big paragraph. If I looked at the rubric prior, I would have known not to do so.

This helped me learn a very important lesson to always read the rubric and follow the directions of each assignment so I know exactly what to do for each assignment and fulfill all the necessary requirements.

