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Reflection Artifact Paper

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Lessons Learned from the Artifact Paper

I made the most changes in this essay. I changed the title from, “An Opportunity for Educational Equality,” to, “Women Gaining Educational Equality.” This essay is only about women getting educational equality, thus the new title is more descriptive.

Regarding the introduction, I added background information about the time period that the flyer was published to let readers know why women were allowed to receive an education. I labeled the thesis clearly to show my professor that I can use the Toulmin Analysis correctly.

In the first paragraph, I rearranged two sentences to improve the clarity of my statements. Then, I added a transition to make the sentences flow smoothly.

In the third paragraph, I integrated information about women’s stereotypical roles from a second source. This information tells readers why this new right was important. Also, I added analysis and removed claims that were not supported by my two sources. Unsupported claims would decrease the credibility of my essay.

Then, I wrote a new paragraph that explained why the first generation of women were less likely to succeed in STEM subjects. This shows that all hardships were not caused physically or socially discrimination. I used a third source for the new paragraph to make my claims credible.

In the following paragraph, I only edited one expletive to improve my grammar and make the sentence concise.

In the next paragraph, I removed claims that I could not support and facts I already discussed in the new paragraph.

In the conclusion, I only switched, “lead,” to, “led,” to improve my grammar.

I decided to make these changes by first correcting mistakes mentioned by Professor Mary. Then I read the essay and made changes along the way. I did this because I was not automatically aware of areas that needed changes. I was able to learn how to simultaneously apply all the writing rules I learned during the semester. I originally wrote this essay without any college writing lessons, thus this revision was substantial.