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Self - assessment assignment.

A researched critical analysis essay is an essay, in which a writer attempts to evaluate a text by making a thesis statement and supporting it with evidence, both from primary and secondary sources. In order to strengthen his point, the writer also includes the counterarguments and further explains the importance of his argument. Having developed strategies for reading, drafting, editing and collaborating, I successfully came up with an outline for my essay. In my researched critical analysis essay, I managed to maintain a compare and contrast structure by logical transitions between paragraphs. For example, the first and second body paragraphs are connected by a word “since”, and the communal expectations discussed in the second paragraph are mentioned later in the essay to show another social issue, observed in the society of *Pride and Prejudice*. Furthermore, since it is a compare and contrast essay, I write about issues depicted in both *Bridget Jones’s Diary* and *Pride and Prejudice* separately, constantly comparing and contrasting the portrayal of social issues in both texts. Having analyzed the gender roles depicted in *Pride and Prejudice*, by writing a topic sentence, “*Bridget Jones’s Diary* portrays a huge transformation, concerning gender inequality, observed in *Pride and Prejudice*”, I illustrate how ideas in both texts relate to one another.

Having improved strategies such as summary, interpretation, synthesis and argumentation, I support my point of view by using chapters of books, such as *Studies in the Literary Imagination*

and *College Literature* that were analyzed for any biases in the annotated bibliographies assignment, strengthening the ethical appeal of my essay. As for counterarguments, such as “Some might claim that Elizabeth’s independence is illusionary since it extends to a certain point. . .” and “According to Norah Vincent, Bridget Jones is a feminist, “living out exactly the farce. . .”, I address the opposing views in order to refute them with the use of experts’ quotes, taken from credible sources, and my personal opinion, thus connecting to the audience that is either familiar with the film, *Bridget Jones’s Diary* or a classic novel, *Pride and Prejudice*, or educated about the historical events.

Throughout the essay, my tone is objective and unbiased due to my recognition of the opposing views. The relevance of analyzed social issues in both texts, written in different centuries, to current social problems inspired me to write about it in the first place, hoping to bring awareness. Women are still expected to look skinny and some races are more favored than the others. Such social expectations lead to the development of mental illnesses, depression, anxiety and traumas that greatly affect one’s character. Also, children are raised in society, imposing limitations and norms. Children grow up with a fixed negative mindset. The predominance of past issues in the present moment makes one question how effectively humans use the historical information that’s available.