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Traditional Writing

There have been many debates regarding the issue of using the internet as a means for writing assignments in secondary education schools. I am neither for nor against the use of the internet for writing assignments in higher education sectors. I believe that the internet is a wonderful source that can be extremely beneficial to a student; however, I do not believe that it should completely overpower and cause the extinction of “traditional” essay writing. Even though secondary education schools are now a lot more technologically advanced, web writing should not be the only form of writing inside classrooms. Institutions should incorporate both traditional and web writing assignments in their English courses, but prioritize traditional writing, even though it may take up more time to complete a writing assignment the “traditional” way.

Traditional essay writing should be prioritized, especially in higher education sectors because it tends to be a lot more advantageous to the student. This is because traditional essay writing is a process. The steps included numerous amounts of drafts, edits, and revisions. Although this does take up a lot more time than the new innovating web writing that is trying to be enforced in secondary education schools. Traditional essay writing improves a student’s writing because they are constantly editing and revising. While students are going through this writing process, they are capable of seeing what they have done wrong and how they can fix and improve their essay. Also, by doing revisions after the writer has completed his essay, he is able to totally rethink his idea or argument, which can lead to an even better essay.

In addition, traditional essay writing creates a student-teacher interaction. With the feedback from the teacher, the student is able to improve his essay in every draft because he or she takes into account their teacher's criticism and suggestions. This will lead to a better grade because with the teacher's feedback, the student is capable of completely fulfilling the assignment. For example, in my English course last semester, all my writing assignments were completed using traditional essay writing. With each draft I turned in came feedback, which I used to better my assignment. However, this semester I am using web-based essay writing and I do not like it because I write my draft and post it online without having the opportunity to gain feedback before letting the world see my writing. The feedback I received from my professor last semester was what helped me improve my papers. Also, I enjoyed writing several drafts because new ideas came to mind in every draft that helped me change or better my essays.

In conclusion, secondary education schools should not only lean on only using web based essay writing because it does not offer the same benefits as tradition essay writing. Schools should prioritize traditional essay writing because it improves a student's writing. That is not to say that web-based writing should be completely eliminated, but rater we should prioritize traditional essay writing over web based methods.

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