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### Self Reflection -Expository

My initial reaction when first receiving this prompt was far from how it would actually turn out. What I mean is, I was overwhelmed. It took me a couple reads before I fully understood what point the author Michael Deporte was trying to get across. Subsequently I also had to change my initial novel in which I was going to use. However after much exploration, I was capable of finding another text to correlate to the article.

My report followed the basic structures of a informative but yet analytical essay (genre). I begin by first throwing a pitch, so to speak. Without providing too much detail, I offer the reader enough information of the novel that I chose *Of Mice and Men*, to essentially grab their attention.

Being that the purpose of this essay was to correlate my novel with the text "Madness and Masquerade", I continue off by explaining the text in my own words. I specifically focused on certain key points and elaborated on them. Subsequently I then go back to discussing my novel but in a more diligent manner. I explain the overall plot, giving the reader a better understanding to the protagonist and simply how the ideas Deporte discusses can be seen all throughout this narration. Nonetheless I provide quotes which I felt were significant in regards to the connection between the two.

Although I did not feel any notable motivation (exigence) while writing this piece, the topic was very interesting which kept me more engaged in a sense.

Being that this essay was more analytical it would be difficult to specify a specific audience. Although perhaps any individual that is looking for that deeper meaning/ understanding of this novel may find this paper useful. However the direct audience I was approaching towards would be my professor, Ms. Von Uh ofcoursel. So in this regard, my stance in relation to the targeted audience would straightforwardly be as a student.

Ultimately, this prompt had further strengthened me as both a reader and writer. By using the article that was provided, "Madness and Masquerade" I was capable of reading and overall apprehend the novel *Of Mice and Men* in a contrasting perspective. Moreover, with the use of these writing strategies I was able to share and enact my own thoughts and connections.