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Self Reflection - Critical Analysis Prompt

The prompt for this assignment was quite different compared to the previous tasks. Based off of the feedback I had received from my past work, I was able to use it to my advantage. I had used the criticism I garnered as a guideline for my new project. The main issue I've seen that reoccurs in all my past assignments was the overstating of summaries.

My paper would be categorized under the informative genre. The topic of my essay was clearly about mental illnesses, specifically schizophrenia. I focused on how such illnesses were portrayed in pre history in relation to the exposition shown on media's such as the short story "Diary Of Madman".

Nonetheless the main task (purpose) of this paper was to discuss how this ailment was portrayed in the short story in relation to its actuality. I analyzed the different techniques the author Nikolai Gogol implemented in his writing to further illustrate the illness to the audience and the profound job he did in that. Moreover, I connected these analogies used in this short tale to modern day research, providing readers with a better sense/understanding. I don't believe I had any deeper level of exigence in this paper other than it being just another assignment that I had to get done.

There is no specific audience that I was targeting besides my professor, Ms. Von Uhl. So in this regard, my stance in relation to the targeted audience would straightforwardly be as a student. Although on the other hand individuals looking for research on this topic may find this information useful, so that can always be another reach.

All in all, I feel as if this assignment had actually been a checkpoint for me in a sense. I was able to incorporate the feedback that I had received from my previous work which further strengthened me as both a reader and writer. Instead of focusing so much on the summary aspect of writing, I was able to dwell more on the analytical component which evidently was a huge part of this assignment. Even so, I was capable of implementing different writing strategies on to my own interpretations strengthening my writing as a whole.