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Lesson 26. Reflection and Publication of the Inquiry-Based Research Essay

Congratulations on all you have accomplished with your inquiry-based research essay. Let's stop and reflect on our writing context or rhetorical situation as well as our learning. We'll also share and publish writing today!

Activity 1: Identifying Your Inquiry-Based Research Essay Rhetorical Situation

Using your notes regarding mode, media, audience, purpose, and situation (MAPS) for the inquiry-based research essay, identify the MAPS for your writing, as they are unique to your essay. For instance, what audience would benefit from hearing about your work? What disciplinary field would like to hear about your work? Explain in a written reflection how you used this rhetorical situation in your writing process.

Activity 2: Reflect on Your Learning

Think back over your learning this year and especially throughout the inquiry unit. Reflect in writing on your work for yourself, your teacher, and a public audience (such as Youth Voices or your profile page of the online class space) if you would like to publicly share your thinking. For your reflection, consider the following questions:

- How did your thinking evolve over the course of this inquiry unit?
- How did questioning impact your research?
- How did you extend your understanding about using research when writing?
- How did you develop in your writing and thinking?
- What are you most proud of in your writing?
- What will you continue to work on in the future?

Activity 3: Celebrate and Publish Your Work!

Congratulations on the completion of your work for your inquiry-based research essay. You are a researcher! You are a writer!

1. Share your paper with your literature circle team.
2. As a team, share a few specific celebrations from your papers and learning process.
3. Publish your work to share with others. Post your work on your profile page of the online class space and/or Youth Voices.
4. Consider other potential audiences that you could share your work with. For instance, if you interviewed people for your original research, would you like to share your work with that audience too?

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