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Reflection Essay

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Please note that for this reflection essay, no help from any type of AI system was used.

In this reflection essay, I will commence by examining the characteristic features of my essay, along with the motivation, purpose, audience, and context of my essay. Starting out with the characteristic features of my technical description, I was able to describe and show the components of the soap dispenser clearly and effectively using images that I took myself and from the internet. I found it especially helpful to number the components in order to make it easier for me and the reader to identify and differentiate the components. From there, I was able to describe the function of the components and how they work together. To emphasize the different steps that are present within the process of a soap dispenser, I broke down the procedure into three different steps: Applied Force, Equilibrium, and Spring Force. This makes it easier for the reader to follow the steps present when using a soap dispenser.

Soap dispensers are an essential item found in people's everyday lives. But, most of its users do not even know how it works. Here comes my technical description. In my writing piece, I broke down the process of how a soap dispenser works, including identifying and naming all its components, while making it easy to follow and read for readers. Through this writing piece, I hoped to accomplish one simple task, and that is, teaching the reader how a soap dispenser works. With that in mind, I was able to write a technical description centered around that aim. I made sure that with my breakdown of the

components, function, and description of the soap dispenser, that I was fulfilling the aim of teaching the reader how it works.

The main audience for this writing piece is Professor von Uhl. Therefore, I wrote my writing piece with that in mind, making sure that there is cohesiveness and flow within and between the paragraphs and sections that I wrote (I also made sure I have at least one semi-colon). If I was to publish this writing piece online, however, I would want my audience to be everyone who uses a soap dispenser, so almost everyone in the world. I believe that I made my writing piece simple enough to be read by anyone, without any complex terminology that is not defined through the writing piece. Therefore, from my perspective, the medium, which is the technical description, is a way for me to teach the readers about soap dispensers, while from a reader's perspective, the medium is a way for the reader to learn about soap dispensers.

Through this writing piece, I was able to successfully learn and achieve many of the course learning objectives, including “negotiating my own writing goals and the audience expectations regarding conventions of genre, medium and rhetorical situation” and “developing and engaging in the collaborative social aspects of the writing process.” Through these course objectives, I can understand how much I improved in terms of writing since the beginning of this semester.