

Topic

Reflection on Module

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INTRODUCTION

I get to understand that be able to think and reflect about the past likewise to put it into writing in sort of a diary is a very important skill that is valuable to student. Looking back on your past experience is a way of measuring your own capabilities and reactions, this can enhance the way you do things in future also help you to learn from your past experience that we lead to confidence boosts that will make you feel good about your achievements of which is also beautiful way to impress employers.

We are all in a way used to writing descriptively in regard about something we have done but it will be a better practice to reflect on it as well and to examine how we feel or regrets and any other thoughts about the event. And can also use this formula in our academic and professional life.

It may be difficult for us as a human after writing descriptively for a very long time and to start writing in a reflectively manner one that I feel could help is Gibbs 1988 model which I am going to use to reflect back on module activities. (subjectguides.york.ac.uk, 2020)

REFLECTION ON INTRODUCTION TO ACADEMIC AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

Throughout my time in 1st and 2nd semester I have been able to enjoy and make best use of my time within the academic and employability skills module, even with the change to the culture as per the way we live, it has really enhanced my understanding and knowledge. The whole module has helped me to do some observation into some important area which is of interest to me, particularly in the concept of reflection and the rest (Farquhar, 2015) This made me to think back and reflect on my first lecture on academic and employability skills which is introduction to the module.

DESCRIPTION: He was on Thursday 20th of February 2020 I could remember taking my first lecture on academic and employability. This was an introduction to the module it started with brief introduction of all the class members including the lecturer and after that he now moved to the topic of the day and he was a general torch on most of the things we need to know about the module like employability skills, hard and soft skills, SWOT analysis, personal development plan and the rest.

He was so busy during this two-hour session as the lecturer kept lecturing us the importance of all the skills that we need to prepare us toward our working life in future. And within this period, we have other staff members from IT department that came in to speak with us about all we need to do just in case of any technical issue.

FEELINGS: To be honest I was so excited about having the lecture but at the same time I was confused about most of the words because they are new to me at that time.

EVALUATION: The good thing about the whole event he gives me the foundation that I had today because that is where it started from.

ANALYSIS: At the start of the lecture they should have informed us about the distraction from the IT staff although I really enjoyed the rest of the class.

CONCLUSION: I should have known that at the beginning of any journey is not always an easy task.

ACTION PLAN: In case of next time I will be mentally prepared for this type of day knowing there will be a lot of distraction being the first day.

REFLECTION ON ACADEMIC WRITING

Paraphrasing in academic writing is very important aspect in academic writing which means converting person idea into your own word by paraphrasing his or her message without losing the original meaning of the text. This is another way of quoting, where you copy someone exact word and put them into a quotation mark,

When writing academically using paraphrasing techniques is more better than just quoting, because it will make your writing so original but you have to be careful not to used word similar to the real text so that you do not end up be a victim of plagiarism, which I am already a victim of. (Gahan, 2019)

DESCRIPTION: Any time I here the word academic writing this we make me to flashback from the time we were taking the lecture, right to the end of the term1 when we were asked to produce two thousand word in a form of article report as our assignment for first term. We were informed with all the all necessary information to guide us but along the line I get lost being my first assignment.

Most of the resources I need to carry out the assignment is not there because of the change to the way we live cause by corona virus pandemic and there was total lockdown throughout the whole place including school, library and shops. This situation did not help at all, but I still needs to meet up with the assignment deadline. We spend 3 weeks studying about this topic academic writing which include paraphrasing, copy paste, citation, referencing and structure so we do not fall victim of committing plagiarism. I try as much as I can finished in time and I submitted before the deadline.

And later when the result came out I passed the module but to my greatest surprise on 28 of July 2020 I receive an email from the University informing me that academic misconduct practice was detected in the assignment I submitted, I immediately reply the email and explain to them my own side of the story and I told that I will be put on academic watch.

FEELINGS: I really feel so bad is like my world will just end in second, at a time I even think of abandon the program but I say to myself no, is just one of those trying period, I just encourage myself that everything will be fine.

EVALUATION: This is a wakeup call to me, and it will make me more serious with my assignment from now on and make me to understand how it work in the concept of plagiarism.

ANALYSIS: It make to know when it comes to academic writing any sort of assignment work, paraphrasing techniques is an important and compulsory in our write up.

CONCLUSION: I should have taken my time to look for help when we are having these lecture in class or educate myself with online resource.

ACTION PLAN: I will start my in time and to make sure I also do a lot of practice before then, no copy and paste and any work I have similarity that is above10 will be check again and resubmit to Turnitin.

REFLECTION ON PUBLIC SPEAKING

According to Teodosijevic view that say public speaking to most people is associated with speaker, venue, microphone and large audiences. Also, to Stephaine and James they shared that speaker when someone speak without good preparation is know as impromptu delivery. They also say to be able to engage, persuade or motivate an audience there are four stages that the speaker must identify, and this are planning, preparation, practice and presentation.

The planning is important because it help identify the purpose and objectives likewise does preparation also plays a significant role because it helps the speaker identify the best introduction to attract his or her audience. This we make me to reflect to our public speaking presentation (Natasa Novakovic, 2017)

DESCRIPTION: I remember toward the last section on this semester when we were told that we going to perform virtual platform (team) presentation, as the day get closer I started getting myself prepared looking forward to this week 8 section were I will be speaking through online platform for the first time which is on the 10 of August 2020.

Here comes this day were I was asked by our module lecturer to speak about my most three greatest achievement in life. Firstly, I went on to talked my journey right from Nigeria till I get to UK and how God has bless me with my document and Family and how I have also be able to a sort of aspiration to family and friends back home in Nigeria.

FEELINGS: I was so frightening and nervous thinking the audience is gone to have a laugh at me, but I thank God I can be able to finish.

EVALUATION: It was a good experienced because it makes me to know the level of my confidence and having the chance to speak in front of people through online for the first time.

ANALYSIS: This is a very good practice because it will help to improve confidence on presentation skills

CONCLUSION: I should have taking my time do a lot of practice, get some online video on presentation skills.

ACTION PLAN: In case the situation arise again maybe during my academic journey or work of life I will make sure I do some sort of planning, preparation and a lot of practice before the presentation.

REFLECTION ON PRESENTATION SKILLS.

DESCRIPTION: I remembers the day we were giving a lecture about how a good presentation should look like, he was on the 3rd of August 2020. On the online lecture with our module lecturer we were showed some video clip how a good presentation should be. He was about presentation and public speaking tips and overcoming nerves when giving a presentation, with power point presentation tips as well.

FEELINGS: I feel so happy by engaging in that type of section.

EVALUATION: This event so helpful because it gives me some idea about good presentation skills.

ANALYSIS: This situation had made me to understand that always technic any everything all we just need is to discover it.

CONCLUSION: I should have gotten me prepared for the and try to get involved with all the conversation.

ACTION PLAN: In case this type of section happened again I will make sure there is more concentration from me and no distraction from anywhere.

CONCLUSION

This report has made me to understand the important of reflection as a student. And from now on, I will always make sure I put this into practice all the time being school or work of life because there is a saying that says we learn from our mistake but if you do not reflect back you can not understand what you do.

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