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This writing portfolio has been an altogether positive assignment. It’s done more than just help be become a better writer. The writing, commenting from classmates and building of the portfolio has gotten me to focus my skills, which is something I greatly appreciate. It is something I believe is worth continuing in the future, and it is something I, myself, will keep as a writer.

First, the assignment has given me a push in writing. Before this, I had been slowly chugging along with my story, tentatively titled *Emory*. When this project was assigned, it instantly rekindled my interest in writing (not in the story, since that never was gone), and gave me a great excuse to write again. Since my schedule with the practicum observation and two week plan has been so busy, any excuse to write was welcomed. And, thus, it helped me focus my writing.

Second, the comments that I received from my classmates were inspiring and encouraging. Katie’s information on details I didn’t know focused my thoughts on future writing; I need to know these things. Comments from the likes of Erin and Mike about story and character were also helpful (if a little hard to incorporate because of the fact that they were unaware it was chapter 9 of the story). What they did do, however, was make me focus on characters and plot. Finally, comments from others about the story were much appreciated and humbling, and they inspired me to continue writing.

Lastly, the portfolio building will help me in the future (and now) as a writer. The spelling list will continue to grow, and I’ll be able to reference it if need be (although Word does a good job picking up my errors), and the checklist helps me keep in mind common mistakes I make, hopefully reminding me not to make them. The best part is that I’ll always have it to reference, so it will, ultimately, improve my writing and make it more efficient.

In conclusion, I hope to finish and publish (all willing) *Emory*. I have put everything I have into this one, and I’m really proud of it. This assignment has gone a long way in helping me as a writer, enabling me to become more focused on my work and the things I need to do to continue to be a good writing (and continue to grow as one). As I stated earlier, this is a great idea, and I believe it should be continued as long as it can.