LART 200 Reflective Letter

For this assignment, you must reflect on your experience in LART 200 and your progress as a student. This project is about you and your assessment of your LART 200 experience, so no outside sources are necessary. We just want to hear about your own personal experience.

Some Questions to consider for this project:

1. Consider how you have changed by being in LART 200.
2. How you felt about English, reading, & college before you came to LART 200. Have your opinions changed? If so, why? *(Look back at your journals for help)*
3. Do you think your skills are better than when you started? *(Identify all skills that are better)*
4. Who do you wish could see you and your success at LART 200? Why?
5. Consider how the skills you learned this Quarter will help you in the next school year and in your life.
6. Ultimately, you must ask yourself, was coming to LART 200 this quarter worth your time and would you advise someone else to do it? If so, why? If not, why not?

**REMEMBER: Be specific NOT general in your examples.**

Assignment Directions:

**Content:** Write a letter containing two PIE Paragraphs (300-500 words) which looks back on your progress in writing this quarter and explains why you are ready to move up to LART 211. This goes in the front of your portfolio, as an introduction to your work for the teachers evaluating the portfolio.

Review all the work you've done for the class. Consider why you chose the paragraphs and essays in your portfolio and how they show your readiness for LART 211. Give specific examples from these essays to show your improvements.

- First, discuss what you have learned in the Reading part of the LART 200. This might include the reading process, KWL+, double-entry journals, vocabulary, and so on.
  - Include how your reading has changed as a result of what you have learned in this class. Remember to provide specific evidence for your claims.
  - What still needs improvement? End the paragraph by writing about what you'd still like to work on with your reading. Remember that all of us are still trying to be better readers, so what are you going to focus on in 211 and beyond?

- Next, discuss what you learned in the Writing part of LART 200. This might include practice in organization, PIE Paragraphs, the writing process, punctuation, essay development, vivid examples, construction of better sentences, proofreading, and so on.
  - Include how your reading has changed as a result of what you have learned in this class. Remember to provide specific evidence for your claims.
  - What still needs improvement? Write about what you'd still like to work on with your writing. Remember that all of us are still trying to be better writers, so what are you going to focus on in 211 and beyond?

**Audience for the paper:** De Anza teachers
PAPER FORMAT:
- 1-1.5 pgs (200-500 words)
- All drafts must be typed and double-spaced.
- Size 12 Times New Roman Font
- Have: Name, Class, Date, Assignment, and Topic in upper left hand corner.
- A title that is not GENERIC
- Paper MUST follow MLA format

Due Dates:
- Tutor Review in the WRC: ______________
- Rough Draft Due: ________________ (Bring 1 Printed Copies)
- Final Draft Due: This essay is due as part of your portfolio on ______________.

What we're looking for in the reflective essay:

☑ Clear organization
☑ Well-developed, focused paragraphs
☑ Specific examples, details
☑ Well-constructed sentences
☑ Correct grammar and punctuation
☑ Form: typed, double-spaced

Sample Outline for Reflective Letter:

Attention Grabber:

Schema Activator:

Thesis: My experience at LART 200 this quarter was ________ because

Body:

Reading paragraph:
- Example #1: Why did you come to LART 200 and what were your feelings on the first day?
- Example #2: What Reading skills did you learn in LART 200 this quarter? (give specific examples not a LIST!)
- Explanation: Do you feel like your reading skills have improved over the quarter? Why/why not?

Writing Paragraph:
- Example #1: Why did you come to LART 200 and what were your feelings on the first day?
- Example #2: What Writing skills did you learn in LART 200 this quarter? (give specific examples not a LIST!)
- Explanation: Do you feel like your Writing skills have improved over the quarter? Why/why not?

Conclusion:
- How will what you have learned at LART 200 this quarter help you in your life and when you go on to 211?