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### **“SBE Topic Reflection”**

9/15

A political/social issue that interests me is the status of immigrants within this country. This issue has affected me personally because my family and I had to migrate to this country for a better future. Both my brother and I study, my dad works and pays his taxes, I have a younger brother that was born here, and my mom takes good care of him. We go about everything correctly and lawfully but somehow still have to live in constant fear of losing everything with one simple mistake. It is not only my family that is affected with the war against ice and the politicians that do not want us here, it is a community. Us immigrants stand tall and we fight for the right to be in this country, but we are not accepted or seen. We are ignored and I want to say no more. My family escaped discrimination in Mexico only to come to the United States and be even more discriminated against. This issue is not just a local issue, it is a national one. The politicians of the United States do not want us here, and no matter how much they argue they do, it is known within the immigrant community that this is false. The conservative Americans claim we take their jobs, yet don't want to do the jobs we grew up with and came here to do. Immigrants that came here to work should be legalized and accepted. We are not all criminals, we are hard workers, and family based people. I want to fight for the rights of my fellow immigrants.

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### **“Sourced Based Essay Final Reflection”**

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When writing my Source Based Essay what I think I did best was the way I continuously referred back to the source that I was analyzing, I didn't just say my statement of what the author was doing, I gave actual evidence as to how this author did each thing I mentioned. I did put much effort into this essay, I even edited it and made it within both the word and page number limit, I also thoroughly looked over what I may be missing within my essay and added it in, but I understand my essay is not perfect. If I were to have to do it again, what I would do differently is not add so much unnecessary information that the reader may not care about, as well as not say what I'm going to do before I do it, I will just get it done. I would also take my time with it, and not get it done within a day, doing this made my work seem so rushed, and finally I would make my summaries of each source better instead of just mentioning the description of the matter. What I learned from this process is that good work takes time, it is nothing like what I experienced writing in High School where it was smaller essays that asked more on my opinion than on actual facts given in the sources of my choice. I also learned that complaining will not

get you anywhere, I did a lot of complaining instead of actually working, and the grade I get is all on me and my procrastination issues.

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### **“Research Topic Reflection”**

**10/8**

My topic matters because it is an issue that has affected many close to me, it is a struggle that many people ignore and deny almost as if it is nothing, and it is not nothing, it is something that stays on many immigrants minds. We constantly hear stories about how immigrants are being mistreated, about how they are being targeted but nobody ever takes real big action. This makes immigrants feel angry, feel as if what these people mean when they scream equality is equality but only to their race, and to their nationality. When addressing a reader on a topic you must speak to them about things that catch their attention, that attracts emotion. You could mention stories about young children and what they have to go through such as not being accepted, learning a new language, worrying about the future, etc. You can also mention the real life struggles and crimes witnessed and lived through when on the journey to America, and then first hand experiences actually seeing what America is about. Include later on the death tolls of immigrants in the hands of ICE and the government. I have learned about all these things, from the journey, to the experience, to the struggles. What I have yet to learn about is who the people on the side of immigrants are and what they are doing for immigrants behind the scenes. For all of this the two genres that could possibly be used is realism and persuasiveness. My topic is on Discrimination on immigrants within the media and government.

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### **“Essay 2 Relection”**

**11/4**

The process of writing my Composition of Two Genres Essay was not the smoothest, I had many decisions to make seeing as the topic was very personal to myself. What also added on to the process being a bit all over the place is the fact that the due date fell straight on the week where I was just not feeling creative. I Managed to get myself together and sit myself down, I then decided to do something that I knew would make the process of writing this essay easier and that was sharing my own personal story, because I was so knowledgeable on the topic due to personal experience I looked forward to seeing what I produced when freewriting. Something I consider that I did well when writing was adding my own bit of creativeness into it, including the fact that I was directly speaking to the audience as well as speaking with a strong and profound voice. What I would do differently if I were to have to do it again is not procrastinate and overthink as much as I did, I would take my time and educate myself more on the topic, educate myself on what other immigrants also go through not just what I have gone through. Thanks to this experience what I did manage to learn is that I have a passion for speaking to others directly, and always getting to the point quickly. Through this essay and research what I also learned

about is that in the past years people that have stood at the feet of political leadership, that have sworn they are doing everything they can do to protect immigrants have actually gone against immigrants and turned their heads just like the naive Americans I directed my essay towards.

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