109-2 外語領域成果發表—英文寫作心得 My English Writing Practice and Experience

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I. My Motivation

My Motivation

I built up my contact with English when I was about seven years old. Nonetheless, when it comes to writing, I didn't receive a decent writing education until I entered senior high. No sooner had my current English teacher taught me writing than I realized how much I had to improve and how tedious the passages I had written were.

After some training, I improved to such an extent that I attended the 2020 Northern Taiwan Senior High School English Writing Contest on behalf of our school. Though I failed to win a prize, Dale Carnegie once said, "The successful man will profit from his mistakes and try again in a different way." As a consequence, I decided to keep training and indulge myself in words. If permitted, I would like to share all my experience on my way to writing at the end of this semester.

II. My Learning Program

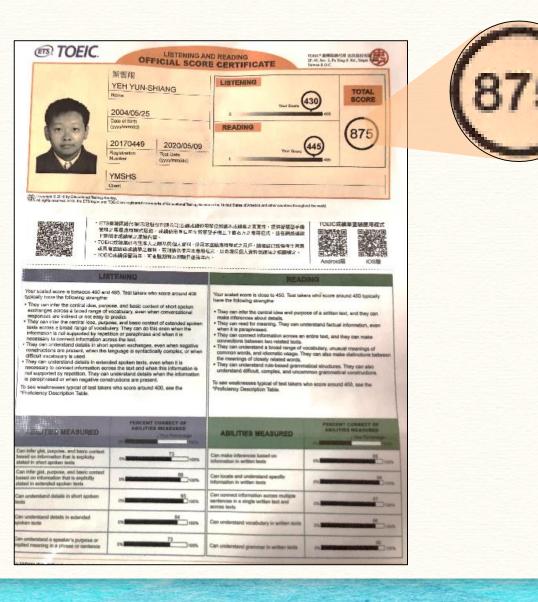
My Learning Program

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第 01 週	與指導教師討論自主學習規劃,完成本學期自 主學習實施內容與進度。
第 02 週	與指導教師討論自主學習規劃,完成本學期自 主學習實施內容與進度。
第 03 週	寫作練習:My Views on Modern Youth
第 04 週	寫作練習: One Gap Year for Volunteer Work
第 05 週	寫作練習: My Self-learning Plan
第 06 週	與指導教師討論文章內容與架構及文句流暢 度,並檢討文章缺點與題目分析之謬誤。
第 07 週	寫作練習: My Views on a Global Issue 閱讀大考作文佳作
第 08 週	寫作練習: What will life be like after the COVID-19 pandemic ends? 閱讀大考作文佳作
第 09 週	寫作練習: When Do I Know if I Am Mature Enough to Make Important Decision? 閱讀大考作文佳作

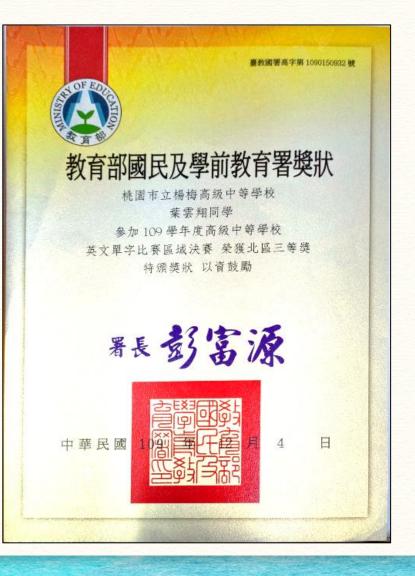
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週 次	實施內容與進度
第 10 週	寫作練習: Picture Writing 閱讀大考作文佳作
第 11 週	與指導教師討論文章內容與架構及文句流暢 度,並檢討文章缺點與題目分析之謬誤。
第12週	與指導教師討論成果發表內容與方法
第 13 週	製作成果發表PPT
第 14 週	製作成果發表PPT
第 15 週	製作成果發表PPT
第 16 週	製作成果發表PPT
第 17 週	製作成果發表PPT
第18週	完成自主學習成果紀錄表撰寫

III. My Brief Biology

- 875 on TOEIC last year
 - 430 on Listening
 - 445 on Reading



 Third Prize in Northern Taiwan English Vocabulary Contest



 First place in Yangmei Senior High Composition Contest (2nd grade)



 Attending 2020 Northern Taiwan Senior High School English Writing Contest



VI. My Road to Writing



My Road to Writing

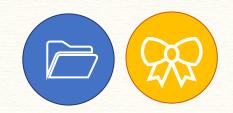
Q: How to improve grammar?

A: 1. Buy one or two grammar books and go through them.

2. Try to use as many sentence patterns as you can when practicing writing.

3. Politely seek advice from English teachers.

My Road to Writing

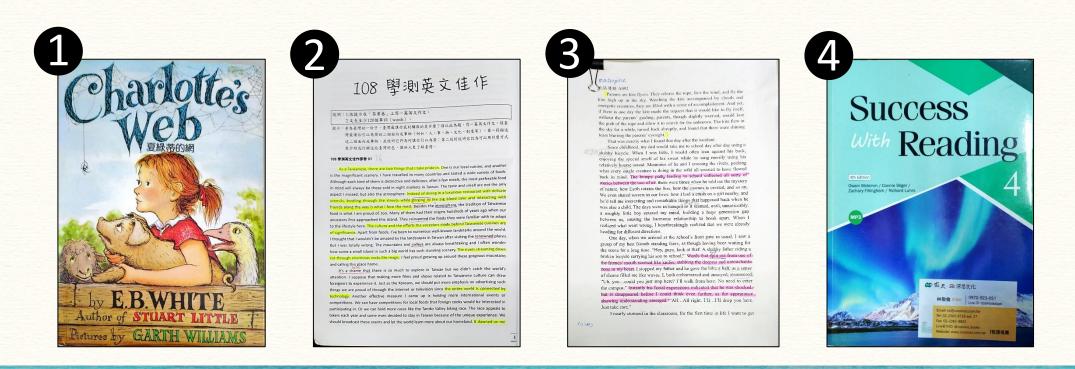


Q: How did I improve my organization and beauty in writing?

A: Read and take notes.

Read

- 1. Novel: Charlotte's Web
- 2. The official writing samples to the GSAT&AST
- 3. The official writing samples to the composition contest
- 4. Success with Reading (Authentic Book)





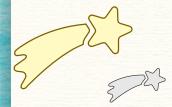
How would you describe "night time"?

1. Darkness settled over everything. (Charlotte's Web P.31)

2. One by one the stars went out.

(Charlotte's Web P.34)



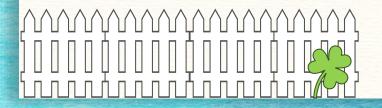




How would you describe a situation when you're put behind bars?

A breeze brought him the smell of clover – the sweet-smelling world beyond his fence. (Charlotte's Web P.41)





Take Notes

Others

- 1. Underneath her rather bold and cruel exterior, she had a kind heart, and she was to prove loyal and true to the very end. (Charlotte's Web P.41)
- 2. These invaluable sources of fresh water might be eliminated one dark day. (Success with Reading 4 P.60)
- 3. It is of significant importance that we give a hand to those in need, in regardless of their colors or the language they speak.

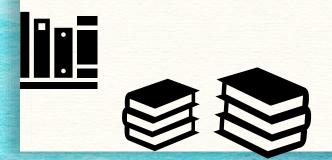
(108 AST Writing Samples P.41)

Other Writing Tips

1. Use vocabulary and phrases at higher levels (Level 4~6).

2. Make spelling mistakes as less as possible.

3. Memorizing some idioms for the conclusion (the last paragraph).





V. Writing Practice

1. My Views on Modern Youth

My Views on Modern Youth

Instruction:

Socrates once said, "Our youth now love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority; they show disrespect for their elders and love chatter in place of exercise; they no longer rise when elders enter the room; they contradict their parents, chatter before company; gobble up their food and tyrannize their teachers." Do you agree with him? Please share your ideas and thoughts.

My Views on Modern Youth

My Ideas:

 I disagree with him, for it is just a prototype of the new generation.
Take Elon Musk's craziness and Greta Thunberg's bravery and justice for instance.

- 3. Discuss the phrase "strawberry generation."
- 4. Innovation, craziness, justice and bravery are crucial elements of life.

My Views on Modern Youth

How would I write:

- 1. In fact, I think those who are said to contempt the authority are not so much arrogant as innovative.
- 2. To our great surprise, though being an adolescent, her (Greta Thunberg's) influence was beyond imagination with over one million children took part in her strike internationally.
- 3. Youngsters nowadays are regarded as fragile, low in resilience, and growing up in an economically prosperous environment like strawberries doing in the greenhouses.
- 4. Innovation, craziness, justice and bravery are crucial elements of life.

2. One Gap Year for Volunteer Work

One Gap Year for Volunteer Work

Instruction:

If you have a chance to take a one-year break from school for volunteer work. Which organization would you choose? What would you expect to learn from the work? Please share your ideas and thoughts.

One Gap Year for Volunteer Work

My Ideas:

Taiwan may be isolated geographically, our minds are not.
Describe ImpacTrip, an organization I would choose to work in.
Compare my good living condition with those in need.
By volunteering, we can rise above the geographic barriers.

One Gap Year for Volunteer Work

How would I write:

- 1. To me, however, helping others as well as traveling is also a crucial element of life.
- 2. There are so many people awaiting rescue all over the globe.
- 3. However hard it will be, I still want to travel there and witness their culture in person and give a hand to those in need.
- 4. Sometimes, we just need to leave our comfort zone for our own understanding of the world we live in.

3. My Self-learning Plan

My Self-learning Plan

Instruction:

How do you organize your self-learning plan? What do you do to solve problems when you encounter difficulties during the learning process? Please share your ideas and thoughts.

My Self-learning Plan

My Ideas:

Because of the 108 Curriculum Guidelines, "self-learning" class exists.
How I set up my goal of preparing for TOEIC.

3. How I prepared for the reading part.

4. The core concept of the course is the process and the progress I made.

My Self-learning Plan

How would I write:

- 1. Owning to the 108 Curriculum Guidelines, a course called "selflearning" came to the fore.
- 2. With a view to reaching my target, endeavor as well as resolution was needed.
- 3. This self-learning experience enriched me spiritually.
- 4. Dale Carnegie, once said, "The successful man will profit from his mistakes and try again in a different way."

4. My Views on a Global Issue

My Views on a Global Issue

Instruction:

What global issues (e.g. climate change, poverty, racism, equality) have gained your attention? Among these issues, which do you think concerns today's youths the most and why? In order to make the world a better place to live in, what do you think youths in Taiwan can do to meet the challenges posed by this particular global issue?

My Views on a Global Issue

My Ideas:

Describe how convenience our lives are with technology.
Then, describe the shortcomings of it as well.
The problem is that we are lack of the ability of execution.
Technology is like a double-edged sword.

My Views on a Global Issue

How would I write:

1. Ever since the revolution of industrialization, we human beings are being rushed into an era, in which our eyes are kept wide open in case anything improved is missed.

2. In another blink of an eye, a ride or a drive to get our belly satisfied is no longer needed; instead, Foodpanda and Uber Eats bring whatever we ordered to our places.

My Views on a Global Issue

How would I write:

- 3. Technology is making progress at a marvelous pace, meanwhile creating millions of tons of toxic waste each day.
- 4. Technology itself is not the very culprit to be blamed. Ignorance and the lack of execution, in my opinion, are the key.
- 5. Technology is like a double-edged sword. If we don't use it properly, we are ready to fall victim to the severe consequences.
- 6. No sooner had we taken the issue seriously and taken care of present now than we regained hopes to make the world salubrious again and, this time, forever.

5. When Do I Know if I Am Mature Enough to Make Important Decision?

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Instruction:

None.

When Do I Know if I Am Mature Enough to Make Important Decision? My Ideas:

- 1. Elaborate the fact that I am a spoiled child (strawberry generation).
- 2. Describe my debacle in doing the experiment in details.
- 3. How I faced the consequence.
- 4. There's no specific time that I would say I'm mature, for we are always leaning and becoming more mature.

When Do I Know if I Am Mature Enough to Make Important Decision?

How would I write:

- 1. Dates back when I was a child, only a single call was needed to get everything done for me since my parents always spared no efforts in looking after me.
- 2. I would face the consequence and go on the way to become mature sooner or later.
- 3. However, a sense of guilt soon invaded my mind. It filled my heart like nightmare and almost drowned me!
- 4. It occurs to me that we cannot just grow responsible and mature one day; instead, experiencing debacles in person or seeking advice from other wise people can help us improve ourselves.

6. Picture Writing

Picture Writing

Instruction:

The latest tragedy happened days ago was caused by men or sheer destiny? Please first describe the horrible scenes you saw on TV or newspapers, and then analyze the causes and further advise how this kind of catastrophe can be avoided in the future.





Picture Writing

My Ideas:

1. Describe the tragedy itself.

- 2. Then, focus on the safety problem.
- 3. Discuss who is the culprit.
- 4. Mention both tragedy and safety problem as conclusion.

Picture Writing

How would I write:

- 1. Loud as the victims shrieked and cried from the coaches, it cannot overwhelm the sounds outside.
- 2. The agony inside their family's hearts was immortal, making them let out their sigh and regrets.
- 3. They should also take the blame for their ignorance of their standard operation procedure.
- 4. These 50 lost lives shouldn't be on the casualty list this time. Even if the well-known proverb quickly came to mind "no one can tell what is the best solution."

VI. Process and Experience

Process and Experience

I've mentioned that my passages before senior high were tedious. Actually, when first practicing writing, I found that I usually got off to a good start but went off on a tangent in the body parts of writing. And that troubled me for a while. To solve the issue, I tried to the best of my ability to focus on the bullet points I set up in the beginning. Then, my writing progressed a lot as if it got into full swing.

VII. Background & Illustration Sources

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Thank you.