

Eng 101

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Portfolio Essay

College life during Covid-19 has been such a different experience, something I would have never thought would happen. Suddenly being pulled out of school because of a world wide pandemic was crazy. It was a weird feeling hearing that my first semester of college would not be like the normal first semester everyone else had, I was disappointed not highly, but I still was to a vast extent. Not being able to go boots on the ground felt like I was being stripped away from the experience all college freshmen should have and I did not like it one bit. This was how I felt at the beginning but after slowly going through the semester my thoughts changed. I felt as if this new way of learning for college students was a small benefit to some. This would allow students that work to attend classes at or right after they clock out, this would help on gas expenses since residential students would not have to drive from their homes to a campus on the next side of the island and, it allowed some students to be in a comfortable state of place. One giant problem is the power and utilities issue that we have on island as we all know power is loss weekly or a lot and that can make learning online hard. These were all factors I felt that helped us students go through such an experience we never had before. Being an introvert, I thought to myself why is it that everyone complains about online classes, this allows me to stay home away from people and still learn, this sounds okay so why not use it to its advantages, but others thought different. On ground yields benefit like you will get to see your peers and teachers physically or be in that classroom setting but it's understandable. Having that classroom setting reminds you that you need to be serious and collective, and it is not time for joking, but we are young adults on a college level so we should be able to stay Intune with whats going on no matter the environment you are. I would like to see this be implemented into day-to-day college life in a type of program or what not. As we progress in this pandemic it would be great if this online learning feature stays opened to times like if a teacher cannot come in to class or if a student travels for college trips.