

**Past as a Learner:**

Reflecting on my past, my passion for English was started by an amazing high school teacher who showed me a love for the subject. She gave me knowledge of foundational literary skills, critical thinking, and effective communication, skills that have been valuable. Before this class, my experience with research was limited, and I hadn't yet explored the complexities of community issues or the importance of incorporating diverse perspectives into my work.

**Present as a Learner:**

Currently, I find myself in a challenging slump, struggling with motivation and overwhelmed by my workload. I am currently in this class, research methods, and chicanx studies. I am doing research in all classes and it's a lot for me. Learning about community issues and engaging with different perspectives has been eye opening, yet also daunting. To overcome my current slump, I'm actively seeking ways to reignite my passion for learning, focusing on the aspects of my studies that resonate most with me.

**Future Goals:**

Looking ahead, my goal is to switch my major to multimedia journalism, a field that I believe will provide me with the inspiration and drive I currently lack. I am committed to completing my education, both to fulfill my promise to my parents and to achieve my professional goals. In my future career, I aim to incorporate different perspectives into my storytelling, ensuring that my work reflects an understanding of the communities I am apart of. I plan to continue expanding my knowledge of research practices and community engagement, preparing myself with the tools to make a meaningful impact.