

Low Stakes Assignment #6: Reflecting on Genre, Audience, and Purpose

Now that you have completed a full draft of your Social Science Research Report, consider what writing in this particular genre has taught you about writing in general and how you might apply these insights to future writing assignments. For example, will you consider context, genre, conventions, and audience differently now? Will you ask more (or different) questions about a writing assignment now? Perhaps you will consider the academic conversation you are joining, the expectations of your specific academic audience, or the writing style that you are being asked to emulate. Perhaps you will adjust your writing process so that you first consider questions of genre, audience, and purpose before you start drafting and planning.

The Prompt:

Once you have thought about these issues, write a reflective response where you explore them.

- You can answer some or all of the above questions or you can respond in your own way.
- However you choose to discuss this issue, please do so in 250-300 words.
- If you like, you may cite evidence directly from your social science research report, but this is optional.