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Dear Alicia Fahey,

Thank you for the feedback you provided on my synthesis essay of food systems as it gave me an idea of how my essay should be revised. The point of my essay was essentially to synthesize two essays that revolve around the issues of food systems. In doing so, I was able to connect two different issues and changes while providing my own thoughts on the subject. I thought I did fairly well on my first draft as I received an A- on my essay. I did a good job of structuring my essay which helped me in strengthening my points while also being able to provide relevant quotes with my discussions. The areas I could have improved on was to clearly identify the two connecting themes within my introduction which would have helped identify the theme of “change” in my third paragraph.

Furthermore, when revising my essay I was focused on areas that may not be clear to identify as a reader. In my introduction when introducing the authors and essays I would be discussing, I did not introduce them in the correct order of my essay. This would lead the reader to think I was going to talk about the first essay I introduced in my second body paragraph, however, it was the other way around. In my thesis I did not clearly identify the two connecting themes of my essay, so in order to fix this I clarified exactly just what two themes were. My third paragraph introduction needed to tell readers what the theme of the paragraph was going to be about, however, I was not clear in this aspect. I decided to add more details such as explaining what change is and how it relates to the issues of food systems.

This assignment taught me to have a sharp eye when trying to understand what the idea of an essay is. It has also taught me how to write a strong synthesis essay and how to properly cite and quote when writing an essay. I believe over the course of ENGL 100 my writing has certainly improved and my essay writing abilities have also improved. The main takeaway from this course was how to properly write and cite essays, while also being a more critical thinker in what you are trying to discuss in your writing. I hope to use the skills I have learned throughout this course to write A+ worthy assignments in any future subject I have.

Sincerely,

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