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Reflection Exploratory Essay

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Reflection

My topic or my exploratory essay was “Eight Bites” by Machado and the presence of the displacement and repression of the Freudian concept. I specifically chose this text for two reasons, one being no one else chose the story and two it seemed the most relatable to today's society. Those two reasons also speak for what else motivated me in writing this essay. When I thought about writing the essay I just really wanted to try and explain the story and keep Freud's concepts in it but not drown it in Freud. To further explain I wanted to focus on the story because it was so great to me and just use Freud as part of answering the prompt. I also felt like keeping the story in a small but understandable way was important. I was writing an essay for the professors and classmates; my classmates didn't read the story nor did they have any background information so I tried to make my writing developed and explain the story at the same time. Besides my classmates I was aware that Elizabeth and Alyssa have at least read or heard of the story; so I also didn't want to overload it with too much information relating to “Eight Bites” or Freud for that fact. I found my writing may have been more analytical than the voice of my own in this essay. The prompt to me was confusing because Alyssa explained she didn't want us to prove there were Freudian concepts she wanted us to prove her claims. However, I felt as if we claimed that Freudian concepts existed in the text and did, etc; I just hope I did a good job.