**My Growth as a Researcher**

 I have been researching for quite some time now, but I learn something new each time. For example, I was surprised that once I began researching, my research question ended up changing. I was so dead set on finding the answer to my original question, but as I searched around more on the databases, my interests began to change, which was kind of a cool thing! I still believe brainstorming is one of the best things to do prior to actually beginning any kind of writing; it always seems to help me get my ideas out there first. I also learned the importance of proofreading because I tend to miss little details, such as removing vague words when they are not needed. In the end, I learned a lot about my topic and I feel like my question was answered.