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Project 1 Postmortem Reflection

Reflection on Project 1 (Final Version)

In class, we talked about making transitions more fluid, making sure the order of our ideas make sense, consolidate similar points. On a more detailed level, we talked about adding transition words, re-stating a thesis multiple times, and in general re-stating ideas and make big ideas clear. I think this really helped me to take all of the information I'd gathered and focus it on my one main idea.

I also realized a bit into this project that I needed to add more background about Diego Rivera and the time period, and to support my claims about historical events. This led to further research and I'm really glad I was able to correct some of my assumptions and provide a clearer background. I also ended up adding more direct quotes and accurate citations.

In terms of grammar and sentence structure, I looked for ways to make sentences flow together more easily by using clearer words, correcting my punctuation, and separating complicated sentences.

I also gained a lot from reading Williams/Bizup, and tried to change my passive voice to active wherever possible. I overall tried to use fewer words where possible, and to use "characters". The best thing I learned in this process, though, was to outline a clear motive and make sure I stuck to it throughout the paper. It also acted as a reason for me to keep revising and improving on my paper – I was actually invested in the topic and idea.