

First Reflection  
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Dear Graduation Project Approval Committee;

The graduation project that I'm doing this year will be based off of the issues of the military, whereas; women may be allowed to fight in combat fields. My topic question is: "Should women be allowed in combat fields in the military?" This topic became of interest to me because I would like to join the military and I think this would be something that affects me and others in my unit when I join. Before the semester began I really didn't put much thought to what I was going to do for my graduation project. It wasn't until most of the other students in the English classes last semester started talking about what they were going to do that I started contemplating what to do. But I had somewhat of an idea.

One of the bigger issues I had was reasoning on what perspective I should take in my paper. I knew what I believed in, but unfortunately it was not on one side but not on the other either. So I had to review and consider different options and thesis ideas. In the future, I'm not sure I what dilemmas I may face but I think on of the bigger issues will be writing my paper. I would like to write my paper so it at least gets people reasoning about whether women should or should not be allowed in combat. I would like to get my readers thinking. But I still think it will be very difficult because I will have to put myself in the shoes of the reader who has a view completely opposite of mine.

I believe that my strength is my topic. I believe it is a very strong topic that may or may not convince readers to change or even doubt their point of view. The outline that I wrote was very well written and thought out, I think that was definitely something to be proud of. I have found a lot of information on regulations the military has on women that very much alarmed me. I think some of them are pushing the buttons of feminists and some of them are just looking for the best possible outcome for the military.

I believe my weakness will be not being able to change my view to write my paper so that I can convince my readers to review their point of views. I think with a little bit of help and some guidance I will be able to write my paper and maybe with a touch of luck change some opinions. Time management will make my life a lot easier. Thank God I have that time management sheet in my Graduation Project Packet!

Sincerely



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