Name

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Theresa’s class

Activism Reflection.

This trimester I have been doing an activism unit.  In this unit I have been learning about teen activism and activists.  I chose this for my portfolio because I thought that it best shows my writing skills and represent the revision process.  My class started the unit by watching a video about a girl named Malala.

 I learned about her story in several videos explaining and supporting her cause.  After her school was closed she started to fight for women's education.  In response the Taliban shot her in the head on a school bus.  She has survived and is still fighting.  After my class watched some more videos on activists I started to do some research on some other activists using a sheet with sites Theresa gave me.  Then using the research I did, I wrote a chapter about three of the activist I was most interested in.  I chose to write about Cynthia lam, Malala, and Alex Lin. Cynthia and Alex were about environmental solutions like clean energy and recycling computer waste.  The goal of these chapters was to practice informational writing and text format.

From that I researched one of my chapter subjects more so I could go into detail about them in the final piece.  In my case I chose Cynthia.  When I found more out about her cause and the change she is trying to make I started a research trail.  Basically I followed links and subjects from the articles and videos that I looked at to bring me to new ones.  For me I followed a link to Cynthia’s Google Science Fair page.  Then that took me to a web site about pollution and clean energy solutions. Finally, I started to write a book about Cynthia and related subjects.  The purpose of writing this book was to learn text features as well as how to cite sources.  My chapters were on environmental pollution, Cynthia Lam, clean energy, and how to take your room off the grid.

Each of my chapters was about a page and a half typed using most of the text structured I learned in class.  I included subheadings, a glossary, and a few images to aid the reader.  If I were to revisit this writing project I would research more to add more detail to my writing and to improve my introductions to grab the reader at the beginning of each chapter.