**Investigative Field Essay Self-Reflection**

For this essay I feel like my strengths were in my introduction and my conclusion. Even though they are the easiest parts, I feel like I understand the best ways to write the background, purpose, and call to action well. I also think that finding the best quotes to use and explaining why they are relevant to what I am saying is another strength. I hope you can see the effort I put in, even if some parts are hard to follow along. I put a lot of time into trying to make everything make sense. I also tried to consistently keep my sources in conversation rather than separate them. If I had to go back and change something I think I would try to blend the transitions better, I feel like the results are not very smooth throughout. However, I am still proud of my work overall.

Though I felt like this assignment would be a breeze, I found that I struggled in finding the right way to explain my thoughts and maintain the line of reasoning. I would hit a block where I could not think of anything to write, so I kept a list of questions that I had to answer, like what does this mean and why does it matter? Making sure I stayed on topic was what got me through. With all the feedback I received throughout the project, most of the comments I got were about my methods section, which was surprising to me at first, but I realized that it requires a lot more detail and specific information than I originally thought. I began very broad in each section and with every revise and edit I added more detail and depth to the concepts I was covering. Something I would do differently next time is try to find more varied sources because the ones that I used said very similar things, which made it difficult to add dimension and contrasts to my writing. I would also spend more time on ideas that I thought of at the last minute, but I am still glad I was able to write them down. I would also go back and try to reorganize the results because I feel like it does not flow well.