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When my professor Olivia said we had to do a research paper on topics from the book “Weapons of math destruction” I felt lost because in my mind I knew I wasn’t doing the reading I had to do. When she said it had to be 6-10 pages, I was surprised because I never wrote a paper that long in my life. In my mind, I told myself “I’m doing 6 pages only” because it was the lowest and I didn’t know I could write 10 pages. When she wrote more on the research paper, she also added what topics we could talk about and that helped me out a lot because out of those topics, I found interesting the criminal justice system. I looked up the topic in the book “Weapons Of Math Destruction” and read about it. I found it very interesting and decided to write about it myself. I wanted to dig deeper into police brutality. The process in writing this research paper was long because I had to write the proposal, the annotated bibliography, outline, first draft, final draft, imaginary interview and then the final paper. I thought we only had to do the paper and that this was too much. I was very wrong because it ended up being very helpful. The proposal helped me know what I will write about and also what my inquiry question would be which is what I will be looking for and answering. The annotated bibliography helped me know what sources to use and what each source contained. The outline was so helpful when writing the first draft because it made me know what to write about in each paragraph and what quotes I would use. When I was writing the first draft it was easy and with the outline, it made me write like 4 pages. I just had to add a little bit more

details to make it better. When I finished writing my final draft I had like 6 pages and I still wasn't done. I still had time to keep writing and making it better so I asked my professor for feedback and her feedback was helpful because it made me realize where I had to fix my paragraphs and how to make it clearer to the audience. Finishing the paper, I had 13 pages including the title, references and the abstract. I was so happy with myself because, in the beginning, I said I would only write 6 pages and ended up writing 13 pages with the title, abstract and references. I never knew I could write a long paper and with this assignment, it made me believe in myself.