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          Writing about my personal artifact has helped me a lot. I was able to enhance strategies for drafting, revising, editing, and self-assessment. I had to reread my writing and edit it, When writing out my first piece I made many grammar mistakes. I was able to fix this through revising and rereading my paper carefully. My peer review and overall feedback helped me think of what else I can add on and write about in my paper. My peer recommended for me to write more about my first experience with my hijab. My professor said to write a little more about my personal experience and just more about the hijab in general. Both of these feedbacks helped me expand my writing a little. When writing my paper I actually forgot about writing about the background and when, where, and why we started to wear hijab, so that was a reminder. When I first heard the mention of a personal artifact I knew what I would write about. I imagined writing this paper would be easy. However, once I got to work, writing the paper was harder than expected. Expanding my words was the hardest part of this writing. The in-class activities and discussions impacted my final product. Talking about what exactly is a personal artifact is, what we can mention about our personal artifact, and feedback everyone received helped me think back to my personal artifact and how I can expand on it.

          The genre of my personal artifact essay is an academic essay. What prompted me to write about my hijab was the significance and impact it has on my life. Although when I first wore my hijab it didn’t make me feel a certain way, I would not take it off for anything now. My hijab may look like a piece of clothing to others however it shows the world what my religion is and it withholds modesty. Although the outside world may refer to me as opposed I do not. There are numerous people out there who support my hijab as well. The purpose of this piece was to understand what a personal artifact is. A personal artifact is something that is very significant to an individual. It can be something that has been passed down from generation to generation or it can be anything which is meaningful and special to you. It can be a tool, jewelry, clothing, food, etc. The audience for my essay is the person who did a peer review, my professor, and my social science classmates. The relationship between me as a writer, my potential audience, and the medium I used to communicate is culture and me being a student which connects with all of the other students. A goal that me and my audience share is having and giving a better understanding of a personal artifact.