As we all know, everyone in this W131 class is the international students from other culture and country. And most of us use plants of time to study English. In my personal opinion, the reading and writing skill is the most difficult part for foreign students like us. Reading can help people get knowledge, experience and other important stuff from the book, And writing can let us use the best skills to write the profound and useful information. A good writer can easily tell the reader what he thought what he want explain to us, and a good book with a perfect writing skill author can explain what he want to tell us and what the author want the reader to know in this case the writing is very important in our daily life. In my personal experience, the reading and the writing was always the biggest and most difficult part in my English study, and during my high school, I have overcome many practice for these two important skills, such as TOFEL and SAT test, I hope I can prove my English study and learn more academic writing in W131 class.

Before the start I want talk some my personal experience and my childhood. And that’s going to be the best example between two different culture study and how I want to learn in this W131 class. I’m from Shanghai, China and after I graduate from middle school my parents sent me to United States to have a better education. After four years high school career in Texas, I have some individual conception about Chinese education and United States education. My mother was a high school Chinese teacher, in China the Chinese teacher just like the English or Lecture teacher in United States. When I was in the kindergarten my mother starts the specific teaching for me, and that takes me have a enrich but not very happy childhood. I study ancient Chinese, simple English and the math when I was young and the way my mom teaching is called spoon-feed
education. Just like its name which means they don't care about does the students really like this and are they get interested about it, the teacher just teaching all these information to students and most of students learn by rote so after the final test they will forgot all they have learned in a very short time. And because my mother was a teacher so the spoon-feed education even happened earlier than other students. And because of the spoon-feed education I don’t have any interest about any of knowledge I studied in China. After 12 years' learning in China, my parents decided to let me have a totally different education in United States. After I arrive here, I start to know that meaning of totally. That’s my first time go to a foreign land with the language I only studied for couple years. At the beginning of the study in United States was very difficult. I can even understand what they were talking about and I always ask them to say again. The school life here is different in China also. Everyday although I can use only a little time to finish the Math homework, the English homework still takes me a lot of time to finish it. Sometimes I even use the whole night to write an essay, but after the couple months’ study I finally get used to the American life. In Chinese high school, students use most of time to prepare “GaoKao” that like the SAT or ACT in US, but the difference is you can only take it 1 time every year and you want take it again you can only stay in high school one more year, But in United State, the education when I was in high school the teacher think the interest is the best teacher for students, every students here have different opinion and they are more creative. And I don’t have so much stress like when I was in China. I can study what I want to study and I can choose the major I get interested in. That's biggest difference between two country’s education. Although two different education both have very outstanding advantage, but their
defect are also conspicuous. The Chinese students' basic skill is perfect but most of them won't choose what they are good at, because they don't have any interest about it.

And the American students are more creative and forgetive, but the basic skill is inferior than Chinese students. I think in the college study if we can combine both education, develop an interest and encourage the students to research and analysis I think most of student will be very successful after they graduate.

In the future, I hope I can learn more academic writing because that's very helpful for the college level essay. And I'm going to focus on improving my writing skills by write more essays, and cut down the reading time, every time when I read some articles, It takes me long time to finish reading. And in this semester, I hope I can have more vocabulary and word-base, because it can both help reading faster and writing more academical. And my goal in this W131 class is after I take this class I can write an essay that the author won't know English is my second language.

That's all the goal and my personal experience about reading and writing, I hope I can have happy and worthy time in this semester.