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Reflection of Project 4

Dear readers,

Thank you for reading my synthesis paper. My topic is the influence of Christian churches on international students. After witnessing the powerful influences of Christian churches on Chinese students, I decided to study how Chinese students become familiar with this type of community and how does Christian churches influence Chinese students’ life socially and academically. My audiences are Mrs. Park and all my classmates in the ENGL 106i course.

I summarized three articles that related to my topic and they answered my question step by step. The articles gave detailed explanations about why Christian churches have the influences on Chinese students, and why Chinese students are easy to be influenced by church communities.

While writing my paper, the biggest challenge I met was to find articles that perfectly fit my topic. I checked various websites of Christian churches at first, however the articles were not specifically focused on Chinese students, even not focusing on college students. Then I changed my search to Google scholar. Luckily I found an article whose author had the same experience of going to a Chinese Christian church as me. I faced a hard time to read the 20-page-paper but I finally finished the summary. In order to improve the connection between my opinions and the opinions of the articles, I visited the writing lab and got useful suggestions of adding my personal experiences in the introduction part. The peer review from Eddy also helped a lot.

Finally, I want to ask my readers what do you think about Christian and Christian churches? How well do you understand the influences of Christian churches after reading my paper?

Sincerely,

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