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Thesis Reflection Paper

For this thesis, my contribution included conducting half of the literature review, annotating relevant articles, creating the outline for our thesis draft, creating the honors thesis statement, coordinating meeting times with our thesis advisor, establishing themes to guide the search for literature to be used in our paper, conducting the second keyword search, writing half of the final draft of the thesis, and creating half of our thesis defense presentation. My college education in previous English classes taught me how to conduct advanced searches in the Western Michigan University library database, which was crucial to finding relevant peer-reviewed articles for this literature review. I was also taught how to properly cite sources in APA format. My experience of writing a research paper for a previous psychology class is demonstrated in this thesis paper. The final paper, as well as the thesis defense presentation, demonstrates my contributions to our thesis, as the work for the final copy was split between me and my thesis partner.