

Name: Babs Essay: culture
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Was the topic of interest to you?

Why? yes, because it is a very interesting question if different styles derive from different cultures

Planning:

Did you like the way of planning? ~~yes~~/no

Why? because I use it often

Will you use this kind of planning again? ~~yes~~/no

Why? _____

Did you have word finding difficulties? ~~yes~~/no

Where? Introduction, Conclusion

Was this of influence in your planning? ~~yes~~/no

In which respect? it takes a lot of time

Could you solve/get around the problem? ~~yes~~/no

How? _____

Did you have a German word in the head at some cases during planning? ~~yes~~/no

When/why? at the beginning before getting used to writing in English

Have you been in a flow in respect to idea generation? ~~yes~~/no

Did you have ideas that you did not write down in the planning process? ~~yes~~/no

Why? _____

Do you think that the language influenced your idea finding process/your planning? ~~yes~~/no

Why? _____

Writing:

Are you content with your writing process? ~~yes~~/no

Why? problem of time management

Did you have enough/too little/too much time for writing? ~~yes~~/no

Have you taken a position to the topic? ~~yes~~/no

Which one? thesis is very difficult to prove

Do you think that your text is convincing? ~~yes~~/no

Why? no examples

Did you write according to the plan? ~~yes~~/no

Why? no time for a good plan

Could you use all the ideas of your planning phase? ~~yes~~/no

Why? _____

Did new ideas come up during the writing process? ~~yes~~/no

Which ones? language

Could you use them in the essay? ~~yes~~/no

Why? for

Did you write fluently? ~~yes~~/no (mainly)

Did you have word-finding problems? ~~yes~~/no

Where? introduction / conclusion

What did you do in order to solve them? try to search for different words

Did you have other language-related problems (e.g. spelling, punctuation) ~~yes~~/no

Which? spelling

What did you do in order to solve them? read every sentence after writing

Were there moments when the German instead of the English word came to your mind?

~~yes~~/no

When? at the beginning

Which parts were easy to write? conclusion

Why? all the ideas were available from the text before

Which parts were difficult to write? introduction

Why? the beginning is always difficult

Was the planning of help to your writing? ~~yes~~/no

Why?: focusing on the main ideas

If you could write the essay again, what would make differently?

more time for writing

Did you have a reader in your mind? ~~yes~~/no

Who? professor / colleague

Did you appeal to him? ~~yes~~/no

Is the essay structured in a clear way? (introduction, main part, conclusion) ~~yes~~/no

Why? _____

Is the main idea of the main part visible in introduction and conclusion? yes/n~~x~~

only in the conclusion?

Did you use paragraphing in order to underline the structure? ~~x~~/no

Have you "left" the topic? yes/n~~x~~

Where? _____

Is the structure of the main part logical? yes/n~~x~~

too little time

Are the paragraphs connected with each other in a logic manner? ~~x~~/no

Do you think that your position is obvious? yes/~~x~~no

Is your language "academic"? ~~x~~/no (mainly)

Why? try to avoid informal language and "I"

Please give yourselves marks for (5 = excellent/1 = very bad):

- language: 3

- Why? spelling difficulties

- content: 3

- Why? too little content

- structure: 2

- Why? obvious structure

- style: 3

- Why? no time to revise

Revision:

When did you revise the text: in the writing process or after the writing process?

How many times did you read the text after finishing? 0 time(s)

Which aspects have been of central interest in your revision?

- spelling
- grammar
- structure
- content)
- others: _____