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Goal 3.1 Reflection

Writing in multiple contexts within this discipline is part of the foundation of being a biology major. The reason that writing is so important is because it is a necessary skill to be able to write effectively to people that are also scientists and sound educated when doing so. I have been writing for years in the biological sciences so the three artifacts that I chose are my three largest projects that I have done, most of them being literature reviews. Literature reviews allow you to read a large amount of literature and be able to take things out of those articles and supply it to your own to support a hypothesis or new question that you as a scientist asked. This is an important skill to master because it is used in almost all scientific writings.

I find literature reviews that hardest to write because it’s really hard for me to pull different things from the literature and put them into my own writing. I also have trouble citing some of my sources at times because I have written in every discipline so keeping those different source citations separate is sometimes hard. Hopefully it will be obvious in the artifacts that I am going to put for this section that my writing of literature reviews, although not perfect, has significantly improved.

In the future I am going to be faced with writing many more literature reviews which I am eager to take on and improve my skills in writing in the biological sciences even further. Although I am not overly confident in my writing ability, I know that if I want to positively improve than I have to tackle them with relentlessness and vigor to get the most out of each of these writings which will hopefully lead to my improvement.