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Peer Interview

Last class I interviewed my partner Giselle Mendez. She was easy to talk to, friendly and seemed like she was ready to participate, so it wasn't hard to get started. We turned our desks around and faced each other. We quickly decided who would go first and immediately began thinking about questions to ask. The conversation started warmly and friendly. I learned that Giselle went to The Bronx High School for Environmental Studies, and that she'd changed schools a few times since then. At first it was difficult for her, but it got better when she started high school. I too was able to relate to her answer because I had a similar experience growing up. When I asked what she liked about it, she said she somewhat enjoyed high school because she made friends during that time, and I found this relatable. I also learned that her intended major was psychology, and that her dream job would be based on the major, where she would want to work with kids. She also had dreams of owning a bakery and expanding her career. We shared a similar interest in reading, and everything about it, but dislikes writing. Her favorite foods are Mexican foods. Her favorite music is all genres. We started talking about different types of music, where I said I liked most pop music that everyone listens to, and I also enjoyed K-pop, and she agreed. It made the conversation go well when we bonded over a mutual interest. After discussing our favorite artists, I asked Giselle about her hobbies. Her hobby is watching sports. Her plans for five to ten years from now are to move into a big home with her family and pay them back. Also, she wishes to continue her education, continuing at City College as well. I followed up by asking "What do you think is the

hardest thing about college?” She responded by saying the hardest part was attending classes every day, and waking up, especially for morning classes. We both laughed at that because of how relatable it was to all college students. I asked if she would redo high school if she had the chance, but she said no, she wouldn’t because although her high school experience was eventful, it was a good experience. When asked, “What made you choose your major?” My partner responded that during her junior year of high school, she had taken AP Psychology, and found the class enjoyable due to her teacher’s style of teaching. I had a similar answer to Giselle when she said her reason for choosing to take this class was because it was a requirement. And lastly, I asked, “What job position would you want to hold in the future?” and Giselle replied that she wanted to be a CEO, or a similar job of high position. Giselle maintained eye contact throughout the interview and took time to think about her answers thoroughly. She was conversational and had many follow-up questions for me as well. She paid attention to each question I had asked and had open body language. I felt reassured and confident when speaking to her, and asking more questions. When I asked my follow up questions, she seemed unsure at first, but then was prepared. She looked over each answer for every question honestly and truthfully. We made good use of the time given for the interview and spent the rest of the time going over our answers.