**ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK (2 SEMESTERS OF 101 ONLINE USING OWL AS PRIMARY TEXTBOOK)**

**Question Prompt: *As a cost-cutting strategy, we didn't use a physical textbook for this class, but instead used open educational online resources. Would you have preferred a physical textbook? Why/Why not?***

**Student Feedback**

- “much better and globally accessible option.” “great, and free.”

- “online readings were extremely efficient in providing educational reading material. The assigned readings are also more flexible than a textbook, so it helped to tailor what was appropriate for the class.”

-“I was very happy to see that there were no physical textbooks for this course.  I can't tell you how many grammar books I have.. well, probably five or so!  All unused.  I wouldn't have it any other way, as I find the internet resources more that adequate.  This both saves the student money and avails them of current, updated, and relevant resources”.

-“very satisfied not using a textbook. I felt the materials…were much more useful then [sic] a text book. It made the class feel more like a college writing course and I felt we had more freedom as writers without the restraints of a textbook.”

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-- “open educational online resources is the best choice... Textbooks usual are very expensive for some students, and I didn’t need to cost any money if I read educational sources online. The unlimited sources on the internet are very helpful for us to do the final research paper.”

-.”I enjoyed not using a textbook, it is not usual to not have to use a textbook. I enjoyed it for multiple reasons. One reason being that I don’t enjoy being stuck in front of a textbook for hours reading through chapters assigned. Another reason that I don’t enjoy textbooks is because they don’t always give many reasons of how to solve or understand problems. I thought that the OWL was the most helpful because it has many different subjects on the website so it can be as helpful as possible. I believe that OWL has helped improved my writing throughout the semester because it has taught me how to write and use things correctly. I think that the tips from the links and things I have learned off of OWL will be able to help me in other classes and help me to be able to keep improving my writing as I continue school.”

:”Although sometimes I prefer having a hard text to hold, read and take notes on, I would not say though I would rather prefer a text book. At the beginning of this course having to think about myself as a writer was a positive thing for me. Figuring out what my strengths and weaknesses were to improve as a writer contributed to my success overall in my eyes. Trying to look from the outside in about yourself and the things you struggle with helps you then really focus on what you need to improve on. Something else I enjoyed in this course was having access to the Excelsior OWL website. I think I will use that as long as possible throughout my college career to help me write papers for other courses. It was an easy to understand helpful format that proved itself worthy to me on multiple occasions. “

* ***Prompt 2: Of the online resources I provided you (Excelsior OWL, Purdue's OWL, various websites, screencast tutorials that I made), which did you find most/least helpful, and why? Which, if any, do you think you'll bookmark/save to use after this class ends?***
* “The OWL’s were incredible, those resources on the pages are absolutely incredible. There is an entire 12 years of school on those sites.”
* “I will definitely be saving the OWL resources as they were very helpful.  I especially found them useful when I would get stuck with writers block.  Rather than detaching from the course material all together, I had the opportunity to take my mind off of the specifics of my paper and click through short but informative articles on the OWL websites.  I liked the screencasts that were made available, as it not only gave insight into our projects but also into the mind and works of the professor.  Often professors avoid getting into what they love to write about, sa it was refreshing to have a glimpse into the process of a professional.”
* “I will take Excelsior Owl on for other classes when I feel the need, because it was helpful and easy to use! Through this class I think that the most important thing I learned was that I have to write for an audience. I need to not only evaluate who I want my audience to be, but how I will direct my voice to them and argue my point.I think that focusing on this will make my writing a lot stronger than it was before.”
* “I am enjoying the use of the OWL it is a wonderful tool that is engineered to make writing enjoyable. I plan to use most of these pre writing strategies as I prepare for this coming up essay and feel that I will write a great piece in result of using them. I enjoyed doing this.”
* “Both of the OWL sites were very useful. Being able to refer to the guide on MLA documentation was extremely helpful.”