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### Preview

I worked alone without a choice because I am in English Honors. The domain I chose was social justice because I found it more interesting than technology and education, and because I don't really know anything about environmental science either. I chose to talk about the LGBT community because I think the members of the community shouldn't be taken advantage of. Once in awhile, I would hear some people using the phrase "you're gay," meaning it negatively, and it bothered me to hear the word "gay" being used that way. I don't think individuals in the LGBT community deserve to be treated that way but instead, receive all respect possible for being able to come out. I also have a friend who was once accused of being gay and there were rumours going around about them. I wanted to work on this topic because I thought that maybe I would be able to find out the "standards" of acting/looking gay, lesbian or even bisexual. I thought researching about the LGBT community would be interesting because many people think they know a lot about it, but they actually only know the tip of the iceberg. Before researching, I thought LGBT problems rose to the surface at around 2014. I knew that LGBT were initials for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender. I had an idea that LGBT individuals lost their rights, but I wasn't sure which rights they lost, nor when they lost it. I also knew that their flag is the rainbow, and that they celebrate LGBT History Month during the entire month of October. I knew that the deadliest attack on gays was the Orlando shooting, but I didn't know who Harvey Milk was, or who Matthew Shepard was.

Some of the questions I had about my topic was “what makes people against the LGBT community?” and “how did the community come together?” Other questions I had about my topic was “who was the first person to ever come out?” and “what are the rights that was given to normal citizens but was taken away from LGBT individuals?” A question that I wanted to use as my research paper but ended up changing was “How did the LGBT movement in the twentieth century change America today?” I couldn’t use this question anymore because I supported lots of evidence without even thinking of a proper thesis, making the evidence and the research question unbalanced. My domain was social justice and my topic was about the LGBT community. My research question was “What were some of the discriminatory actions taken toward the LGBT community in America’s 20th century and how did the community react?” My experience with this research paper was very stressing, especially because I had another research paper to work on for honors. Also, there was so much reading to do, and I don’t really like to read. Last but not least, it stressed me out so much because I work very very slow. Because I work slow, it took me about eight hours to type 900 words, while most of my friends finished in about six hours.

Another experience I had while writing this research paper is that the process was very painful. I learned how mistreated lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgenders were and how long it took for them to be accepted as humans again. It was heartbreaking to see members of the community being attacked for their genders and sexualities. Overall, this paper was very difficult and stressing.