

## Research Assessment #4

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**Assessment:**

In the March-April edition of *Literacy Today*, Marie Lu, the best-selling author of *The Young Elites Trilogy* and *Legend Trilogy*, published an article on writing that exposed to me the true purpose behind writing that inhabits many writers. In her article "*From Reality To The Page-And Back Again*", the author tells her story of how in all of her books, her life in China during the 1980s is reflected in the characters, culture, and political problems because writing is a method of remembrance. The annotation of Marie Lu's article helped me identify key emotional similarities between writing and general pediatrics.

Marie Lu's mindset on how writing contributes to the remembrance of important topics or events has allowed me to narrow down exactly what I want to write about in the field of general pediatrics. Due to the broad format of the field, I want to pull out the most important portions about how patients are emotionally impacted by the role of pediatrics in their life that still have an emotional impact on the reader. Marie Lu's demonstration in her own works highlights how emotional times in a person's life is integrated into a piece of writing, which could occur in my research piece due to my personal experiences. Looking into her works on a deeper level and how they reflect her has taught me that emotional connections do not only inspire writing or reflect in all aspects of the piece but also cause the work to take shape and affect the light in which they are viewed. Through annotating Lu's article, I am able to better relate the emotional connection between pediatrics and creative writing because the emotional connection with a patient shows through in the care provided. By highlighting parts of her life that defined how she saw the world in her works has showed me that writing is not only a route for information or a way to voice opinions; it also is a possible way to change someone's view on the world in a drastic way, which has inspired me even further to write my research piece. Writing allows readers to look into the mind of the writer and pull out the important information that the author could be trying to convey to the reader. Due to the fact that pediatric also covers the psychiatric side of medication, being able to relate to others is another important common factor that is highlighted by annotating "*From Reality To The Page- And Back Again*". Her message that writing is a form of memory changes how I would write my reflective piece because my emotional connection with the topic would shine through.

After reading this article, I am worried that my personal experience and possible bias would change how the reflectionary piece would be read and in what light it would be read. Certain topics need to be remembered and the effect of pediatrics is one of those topics, but I want to portray the research in an unbiased manner while still being able to use my personal experience to positively change the way another person views the world. By understanding the unnoticed importances of writing, such as writing being a route for exposing the world to emotion, I can more effectively communicate my message about pediatrics helping children to a greater extent than currently believed.