

### Repurposing an Argument Reflection

I changed my mind many times throughout the process of repurposing a past argument. I knew I wanted to use a personal narrative and a literature review I had written for previous classes, both dealing with the topic of gender socialization. The biggest change I made was my publication venue. I switched from a *Seventeen* magazine article to a *Thought Catalog* post because I wanted more freedom to write about my own experiences. However, as I learned while writing, it is difficult for me to stray away from an academic tone. I found I was relying on research and scholarly sources more than I originally wanted to.

Feedback from my peer group helped shape the direction this project took, especially the third piece. My earlier draft only discussed socialization during childhood, and my peer review group suggested I add more about how this affects one's future. That is how I decided to include the discussion of female vs. male competitiveness in the workplace. I am happy with this addition because it helps relate my paper to the target audience of people in their twenties and to my own life, as I will be entering the workforce in a couple of years.

My ideal version of this project would discuss more of the personal and cultural implications of gender socialization. I feel that I can dig deeper into my own experiences, while still staying in my comfort zone of what I would submit to be graded and ultimately publish in my e-portfolio. I also believe I can find research about societal trends that may be more thought-provoking or a little more exciting to a wide audience.