About Me Essay Final

 My name is Rodolfo Rubio, but everyone knows me by my nickname, Rudy. I was born here in El Paso, Texas on January 23rd of the year 1995. I chose the University of Texas at El Paso because I wanted to minor in Mechanical Engineering at one of the country's best leading engineering schools. It is also located where I have lived all my life. However, it does not stop there. I also want to attend a different university, that of which I have not chosen yet, to study Aeronautical Engineering. The universe and coming up with newly innovated ideas to help others has always been an interest for me, but everything has a beginning and it starts here, by learning how to write successfully.

 In my beliefs, writing is used in engineering a lot in the aspect of explaining a new idea not just visually, but also in writing. Before UTEP I attended the Center for Career and Technology Education, where I studied Technical Drafting. The class showed me about mission statements and design narratives which basically are different ways to grab on to the audience of your new idea or how something works. Another big consideration is who your audience is. For example, if you are trying to explain a new product, you need to consider if the reader knows about the subject or what terms to define. A doctor might want to know if a product is safe where an engineer just wants to know about the design, therefore the background information is very important.

 This brings up my writing process. When I begin to write, I first think of whom the audience is and the topic in which I need to cover the most. Usually all my brainstorming is done in my head before I dive straight into writing. If the topic is somewhat new to me I begin by doing research, but in this case, I create and outline to bring all my ideas together. In order to do so, I need to be in complete silence to begin writing, but if that is not possible, I like listening to nature sounds such as rainfall and waterfalls because it helps me focus and it eliminates the sounds around me. When I cannot concentrate or I cannot elaborate more on the topic, a break of about ten minutes is always good for me because it brings new ideas to mind. What also helps in my writing process is re-reading my papers because it helps fix mistakes in grammar for example, but can also help by rewriting a sentence or two to explain something more thoroughly. In my opinion, typing papers is the best and easiest way to write because it is faster and easier to catch mistakes.

 From the top of my head I do not really know if I have strengths as a writer, based on my opinion. What I believe my weaknesses are include having different teachers for English throughout high school because they all teach you how to write in different ways. Meaning that they teach you what they like to see and that changes my writing every year. Another weakness of mine is being afraid of criticism. Throughout my life I have been afraid of failure. I do not like making any mistakes at all, but I know I have to understand that we all learn from our mistakes. With that being said, with this course I want to learn to be an effective writer and keep it that way, in other words, learn how to write one final time and not change it anymore.