Student Exemplar: 2.4 Essential Question Response



Read Kade's 2.4 Essential Question Response, and read Mohammed's reply.



I know it's not quite the same as having to deal with 'conflicting perspectives' in other texts, but in this case I can see my own opinion conflicting with the ideas in "Remembrance".

I had a hard time with the diary entry for the "Remembrance" assignment. I was frustrated the day I wrote it. I don't think it's fair that we dedicate a whole day to remember wars that happened before most of us were alive, while there are so many wars still being fought. How serious are we about it, if we are still committed in wars today? I totally hate lipservice, and that's how it looks to

me. Looking back at my entry and my marker's comments though, I should have focused on explaining my own opinion more clearly than just ranting. My bad.

I'm still not sure how to handle conflicting perspectives though. Dealing with ideas that disagree with my own. I have a lot of 'real world' experience, and I think that my experience is just as important. Am I missing something?

Hey Kade, I think I see where you're coming from. We are committed to serving in many wars, but from what I know about the Canadian military, we are also committed to helping rebuild countries that have been destroyed by war. Not every country can say that, so it looks like we have learned something from the past.

It sounds like you do have some tougher, real world experience. That doesn't mean that there isn't more to think about, does it? Other people might have some experience that will help you, so it makes sense to me that it might be worth trying to consider their opinions. That's just my take though.