

## Unit 1 Reflection

(Obviously) I had a slightly unique experience writing my project 1. After the first time I wrote it in the fall, I actually started having a different approach to my education in general. For the rest of the semester through now, I was much more cognizant of people impactful to the content in my syllabi. At least once a week, I've thought "Hey! That guy's important! Probably would have been taught differently without him publishing that thing." So I had a lot of trouble deciding on the particular ones I wanted to write about for this P1. The more I thought about my Fall P1, the more I felt I could have represented myself better. I was really ambitious going into this semester.

When I set out to write my Spring P1, I tried to borrow some ideas from my first attempt. You probably noticed that I ultimately decided to go in a very different direction. I'm really, really, really glad I did because it's probably the most entertaining long body of text I've ever written. I aimed to write with the same morbid lightheartedness (lighthearted morbidity?) I see from my favorite author, Jeffrey Eugenides. Seeing as I enjoyed quite a few chuckles while writing it, I think I did OK on that goal. Again, I had big dreams for this paper. I'll say with some confidence that I succeeded in my intentions.

After putting all of these ideas into words, I feel like I got closure on something I didn't know I needed. It was fairly challenging to figure out what exactly it was about me and my life that made science the obvious choice. It wasn't the obvious choice, and I realized in writing my first (Fall) P1 that there also weren't any specific significant events that made me decide on it.

I put in a ton (maybe even too much) energy in trying to be genuine and trying to prove that I can offer an interesting perspective to this assignment. Most of that energy went into introspection. I think it paid off.