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Exploratory Essay Reflection

In the second essay of the semester, it deals with exploring Freudian concepts and using them to analyze a short story. Focusing on Freudian concepts such as dreamwork: manifest content, latent content, displacement, and condensation, provided a foundation for a deeper analysis of “A Country Doctor.” These concepts help decipher the romantic feelings the doctor has toward Rose. The genre of the exploratory essay is descriptive, informative, and analytical due to explaining and analyzing Freudian concepts to connect them to the short story “A Country Doctor.”

The reason for writing this essay is to further my knowledge of Freud and improve my skills in making connections and forming ideas. By using evidence from Freud’s *Five Lectures on Psycho-Analysis* and Franz Kafka’s “A Country Doctor” the essay smoothly demonstrates and supports the ideas presented. When citing a specific quote from “A Country Doctor,” and claiming its condensation, then using a quote directly from Freud’s lecture it strengthens the thesis and argument presented in the essay. Using these readings and making multiple connections improves my skills.

Writing the exploratory essay accomplishes the purpose of a better understanding of Freudian concepts and portrays how Freud’s concepts can be used to analyze readings like “A

Country Doctor.” For anyone interested in this essay, the audience will be professors, peers, or people who know of Freud or want to learn more about his lectures. By reading this essay, people can better understand what Freud has to say by its connection to a literary text. The relationship between me, the writer, and my audience, and the message the essay is conveying is we are simultaneously engaging and analyzing the texts to gain a better understanding of Freudian concepts and their connection to “A Country Doctor.”