Reflective letter

As I sit here in class, and write this letter, I remember the first day for school. It was a nice day, I was nervous about new college life, and fortunately didn’t miss the bus that I need to ride. When I get into this class, as soon as I walked in I felt like “Ah this is college!” And Mr. Mangini, who’s my English professor, was standing in front of the classroom preparing class, and classmates start to get in to the classroom. I was really nervous that I might can’t catch up the class lecture but when he start to tell us about class and what we’ll going to do, I wasn’t nervous or pressured at all. So I start with no pressure for this class. However, through the class I learned lots of stuff, and also got lot of homework, too. Mostly it was reading but soon we got writing homework as blog posts and essays. At second day of this class we got the assignment named “reflection.” This is what we write about things that we learned through that week and things that happened in our life. Actually this assignment is a little bit hard for me, because our class usually doing lots of listen, talk, and discussion but not many writings down as other science or math classes. Therefore it’s a little bit hard because I can’t remember well what we did during that week at the time when I need to write my reflection. But now I start to writing down during that class to find myself where I am and check do I understand what we learned during class, and it actually helped me to write more accurate reflection, so the problem was solved. Through the class, we got reading assignments as “Bird by Bird, how can you create fiction when reality comes to call, Zen in the art of writing.” These three reading was about how to write stuff. Just simply, gives us instructions with their own examples. We learned the steps of drafts as shitty first draft, cleaned up second draft, and finished and organized third draft. I used to write the short summary of paragraphs on the margin next to the paragraph, when I read the assignment or important paper, to not lose myself, and I learned from the reading assignment that I can draw a simple drawing to symbolize the summary. And for other readings as “Picturing the personal essay, What is creative nonfiction, Everyone knew that I was gay, except my brother, My name is Margaret, The Glass Castle, Miracle woman”, they all helped me in different parts to understand about what is creative nonfiction and how to write my own creative nonfiction, what is showing and telling scenes and how can we fine which one is which, and literary devices as foreshadowing, metaphor, similes, and juxtaposition. I know what foreshadowing, metaphor, and similes are but I still confuse with juxtaposition. I heard the explanation, saw examples, and even searched in internet but I think it’s kind of hard for me to understand juxtaposition in literary term. For the writing part, we start to write our own creative nonfiction, reflective letter and blog posts. For blog posts, we wrote reflections and other important assignment that recall what we learned through class and using our own example to show that we understood the lecture and in the right track. And, I feels like that I earned lots of different information of subject named “English.” I learned that I didn’t know, recall the stuff that I already knew, and even learned more and be clear of the things that I knew but not really detailed. So I feel good when I learn something from this class and even I’m a little bit far beyond from other classmates but I think I can catch up little by little with the help of professor to finish this course with good grade.