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Reflection

My identity is not fixed, but rather evolves through my experiences and relationships. I've developed my own personal identity in terms of hobbies, and several key experiences have shaped who I am today.

Moving to the United States had a significant impact on me, forcing me to adapt to a new language and culture. It taught me resilience and independence. My interest in trading and quantitative trading has also influenced me, training me to think logically and remain calm under pressure. Furthermore, my family and teachers have played a crucial role.

Some labels suit me well, while others don't. I accept the labels "student" and "learner" because I genuinely enjoy improving my knowledge and skills. I also identify as an analytical and goal oriented person. However, I don't agree with the notion that "I'm quiet because I have nothing to say." Sometimes I simply feel that explaining concepts to those who don't understand requires a lot of time and effort. There's a saying, "Think before you speak," and before I speak, I always carefully consider what I'll say next to avoid unnecessary trouble. My teacher had the greatest influence on me, and two of his sayings have always stuck with me: one is to remain untainted by the mud, and the other is to have the ability to think independently.

Approaches to Learning

I used a variety of ATL skills. I employed Self-Management for planning and broke tasks down into smaller steps to avoid feeling overwhelmed. I've been working on this project since the holidays. I also used Creative Thinking to design a format that reflects my personality and experiences. Originally, I intended to write something similar to a blog, but I spent some time learning how to write a blog post myself, which would be clearer and more concise. This really took up a lot of my time, and I thoroughly enjoyed exploring and creating my own webpage.

Design Choices

Firstly, I've always wanted the opportunity to create my own blog. Then, I learned some basic JavaScript and CSS skills, but never had a chance to use them. Now that I finally have the opportunity, I've created my own blog. The mouse cursor uses my favorite animated character, Reimu, and the layout reflects my programming skills. The layout also reflects my preference for simplicity and personal style. Although many images aren't loading yet and I still need to learn, it already showcases a part of myself. I love modern design and technology.