

Reflection Paper

- What were your expectations when you first started to work on the paper, on the product and with your mentor? Did your experiences meet those expectations? How did they differ?

Answer: I had thought that senior project is going to be way harder. It's going to be a lot of work and the paper is just going to take forever and I might not have enough information to fill eight pages. But I was wrong as I didn't have any issues working on my research paper. I was having issues working on the product as it took a lot of time and energy and also it was hard to find all components required for the product. I know my mentor personally and so I didn't have any issues working with her.

- What problems did you encounter while researching and writing the paper? What was your greatest resource in overcoming these obstacles?

Answer: I could not find enough information for the compare and contrast of the countries I wanted to show and so I had to do general countries. I couldn't find proper citations for the websites and so I had to use articles without any author. I made dua to Allah SWT to help me in my project and also I made minor changes which would not affect my topic and also would provide me with enough information.

- What was the most interesting or surprising information you learned in your research?

Answer: I was surprised to learn that there are more than one types of abuse. I mean who could have thought that stalking is a type of abuse too. Also, there are many religions who do not support domestic violence and that was shocking to hear about.

- What did you learn about yourself during this project? How will you use what you learned throughout the rest of your life, academic or not?

Answer: I learnt that Alhamdulillah, I am showered with so many blessings by Allah (SWT). I looked into some of the stories of the victims and I thought that whatever I have experienced is

nothing compared to what these people have experienced and I plan on using this as a reminder for myself and for others as well and also to help the victims whenever I can.

- What did the project teach you about the holistic view Islam has for every aspect of our life?

Answer: SubhanAllah, Islam has an answer to every problem. Domestic violence is a major issue and Muslims need to be educated about the punishments that is carried along with the committing of the abuse. The women's rights are clearly listed in Islam and man does not have any right to deprive the woman of her rights.

- What would you do differently now that you have finished?

Answer: I would have found a topic before my senior year as I believe it would have helped a lot during my research. I would have been prepared beforehand and everything would go smoothly. Also, by doing this, I would have found a mentor way before and would have decided on my products.

- What advice would you give to next year's seniors about how to achieve success on the senior project?

Answer: Do not procrastinate. Start early and research your topic before the beginning of your senior year. Find a mentor who you can be comfortable with and think about what you want to for your products beforehand as this will help you a lot by the time you start your senior project.

- What grade would you give yourself for the project? Give your justifications.

Answer: I would give myself a B+ as I believe that I could have done a lot better. I had many ideas for my products but I couldn't find a mentor earlier and so I had to reduce the ideas to only three. Although the research paper wasn't bad, the products was harder than expected.