

Reflections

1. 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?

My expectations when I first started working on the paper and product with my mentor was that this project was going to be a success. I expected this to run smoothly and to encounter little to no trouble. I am happy to say the my experiences met those expectations and I had an amazing time doing this project.

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

My biggest problem was probably finding reliable and trusted sources and finding enough information to write about. My greatest resource to help me overcome these problems was my cousin and my senior project teacher and my mentor.

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

The most interesting or surprising information I learned during my research was the statistics about the percentage of civilians who are killed from terrorist attacks. Also, I found it quite surprising that since 9/11 till present around 3,000 civilians have been killed from terrorist attacks, none involving refugees.

4. 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?

During this project, I learned many things about myself. I learned that I do not get nervous in front of an audience and can speak without getting nervous. I also learned that I work well under pressure and can compose myself and not act in a rash manner. As for using this in my future, I can further myself in these skills and get better at public speaking and one day give lectures to inform people about world issues.

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

This project taught me that if we ever have doubt about an issue or go through something, Islam has answers for us and shows us the truth. Islam is not only a religion, it is a way of life that we must live by that teaches us to do good.

6. What would you do differently now that you have finished?

Now that I have finished my project, I would definitely not procrastinate and finish my work as soon as possible. My procrastinating did not cause any issues for me or for my grade; however, next time I would like to finish my work as soon as possible.

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

If I could tell next year's seniors about how to be successful on their senior project, I would highly advise them to never procrastinate their work and to always stay on top of their work. Also, when you pick a topic you are passionate about, it makes the execution part of your project much simpler.

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

If I were to grade myself for my project, I would give myself an A because I honestly worked hard on this and put all my effort into it. I sincerely believe that I did a really great job on my project. I know many other students are going to probably say that they think they should get a B or somewhere in that range just to be humble. However, there is a difference between being humble and knowing what you deserve.