

Preparations & Assembly

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With the Research Showcase quickly approaching, I have looked to analyze what tools and additional materials that would make the best impact on my overall presentation along with my board and portfolio, crucial assets to conveying my experience in ISM to my audience. These tools, including decorations that complement my topic, work to better represent to my audience what my topic focuses on, as well as display my devotion to conveying the lessons learnt in my research. During this week, the compilation of these tools and the eventual completion of my board and portfolio characterized my week as I realized the best modes of communication for the event.

The majority of my time this week was spent in the assembly stage for my portfolio and board, making sure that all of my work this year was included to present to my audience. It was both exciting and motivating to be able to see the progress I have made in my ISM journey, and furthered my understanding of what to accomplish for my final product. In addition, I was excited to update my portfolio for the Research Showcase, as it gave me experience with how to create these binders for future projects.

Along with the assembly of these critical aspects of my presentation, I also worked to find supplemental materials for my discussions, including relevant discussion starters that relate past experiences I have compared to my independent study. An example of this is a gavel from my experience at Texas Boys State, which I hope to use to complement my talks with various audiences about their own participation in political procedures.