

Critical Planning

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Efficient planning is always the catalyst for success; truly, this lesson manifested itself in my actions this week as I worked towards further outlining potential original work projects. Because our Research Showcase is fastly approaching, I wanted to set up a head start on what I hope to achieve from my original work; I worked to gather advice from past ISM students, as well as compiling past ideas I have created for either this project or my final product.

This week, I aimed to outline what projects I could pursue for my original work; some examples included a guidebook for a basic citizen's rights or a commercial promoting political participation, but I felt that these possibilities did not parallel my intentions I hope to exhibit for this project. Thus, I was left to ponder: what do i truly aim to accomplish from my original work? From this, I was able to uncover that, rooted in my love for the American democratic system, I wanted to work on a project that emphasizes the value of civic participation, while also educating others on the importance of understanding how our representatives influence policy. Furthermore, as I pursue to finalize my medium for the 2017 Research Showcase, I aim to have to it exemplify the values that found my mission statement in ISM and underscore the significance of a politically aware character.