

Core Competency Reflection

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During this project on Steelhead, I think I demonstrated good communication with my partner to complete the project. When we first started planning out the project and how we're going to show what we learned about Steelhead, I had to listen and consider his point of view, as he did mine. For example, I wanted the pictures to be on the side of the paper, I moved all the images to where I wanted them and where I saw fit. My partner, then pointed out to me that the font on the images would be too small, and we had to move the images to the middle of the screen so that they were readable. At first, I was reluctant about the idea, but then I listened to him and knew he was right. So, we came to an agreement that important images with information would go in the middle, and pictures without text would be moved to the side. It's in this scenario that I demonstrated being an active listener and being able to accept and recognize other's opinions. Also, during the project, I had to respond and answer simple questions. I demonstrated this when my partner and I were citing our work and we had to communicate with back and forth questions to cite our work. An example of this is when I asked him "What's the publisher's name?", and he would respond with the publisher's name so we could cite it. I can also answer simple questions and I demonstrated this throughout the project by answering questions about information, where I got my work from etc.

I think that I demonstrated being able to carry and construct a plan during the Steelhead research project. My partner and I had a common goal, to get an A. To achieve this goal, we had to create a plan. Through the few minutes of talking and planning we did; I think we shared the work 50/50 and achieved our goal. My responsibility I took and followed throughout the project were, writing half of the information, doing half of the research, and creating and listing the citations. Another responsibility I took on this project was as a sort of leadership role as I took a large part in planning the project out and making sure that my partner and I had equal parts. My partner and I summarized on a lot of things while working on our project, one thing was specific details on the Steelhead trout. My partner wanted to do more in-detail analysis on the Steelhead, but I told him that we had to cut that part of the project to a smaller subparagraph. So, after talking about it we changed his part to a smaller section and agreed that we should cover more topics that were question related.

While writing, developing and finalizing our animal project, there were a lot of things that went wrong, and a lot of things that my partner I need to work on. If I could do the project again, one thing I would like to improve on is my ability to present information clearly. I think I was inconsistent in my form of presenting the project, and if I could do it over again, I would make sure that I presented my information more clearly. Another thing I need to work on is my

ability to share information that is important to me. To me, this means taking more pride in the information I'm displaying and having a passion for the project. I think what I could've done to benefit myself and my partner, was present my part of the presentation with a bit more of an edge to it and intrigue the reader in my animal study. Another thing I could've improved on was my ability to present my ideas to an unfamiliar audience. I know who my target audience is, the person who's grading my assignment, but I think I could have looked beyond that and maybe expanded my target audience to other people reading my project. I think this would have benefited the project as the animal report would resemble more of biography rather than answering questions.