**Core Competencies Reflection**

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|  | Core Competency: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Social Responsibility\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Here is evidence that I can…** work effectively in a group, support others in my classroom, advocate for others, take risks to suggest ideas, accommodate alternate perspectives, appreciate and respect diversity in my class and community, etc.  Through this lab, I was able recognize the different aspects that I had endured, in contributing to the community and caring for the environment. I was able to use the information that I had gained and apply certain portions towards my life which would ultimately impact the community/ environment in a constructive way, and such; in which I will elaborate more about within this paragraph. Now after being assigned this lab; within the criteria I noticed that one of the main contributing factors to this assignment had been taking a closer look at the First People’s perspectives on different species, in which this case my partner and I had chosen the sea otter. I was able to analyze complex social/ environmental issues from multiple perspectives, and furthermore take thoughtful actions to influence positive, sustainable change. Throughout the process of inquiring different pieces of information, I recognised similarities amongst the different sites; in mentioning that with the outcome of the fur trade, along with the many other aspects that contribute to its endangerment today. For instance, with oil leakages, disruptions within their food cycle (e.g. plastic getting thrown into the ocean, which leads for fish to consume it, resulting in sea otters consuming this fish that have ingested the plastic), etc. After learning about the amount 0f harm the humans cause towards not only sea otters, but other species as well. I spent a few minutes to read about the different organization that dedicate their time to help with this cause, and eventually donated $5 to influence positive, sustainable change. From there on, I was also able to identify how my actions and the actions of others affected my community and the natural environment in order to work to make positive change. I was able to demonstrate this by recognising the plastic that I would be contributing towards this issue when choosing between whether to take a plastic water bottle or reusable one. By deciding to use the reusable one as opposed to the plastic one, I was able to prevent another plastic bottle from harming another organism. And finally, I was able to contribute to an online group activity to make the natural world a better place. By participating in online discussions revolving around this issue as to many others, we were able to provide thoughtful insights amongst one another, and deliberate on how we could take initiative towards helping this cause, such as donating to different organisations as I mentioned previously.  Now in the sense of building relationships, in this paragraph I will be elaborating on my ability to work effectively within a group, in order to provide a successful lab. Throughout the assignment, I was able to show kindness towards my partner, in order to work cooperatively and build relationships with people of my choosing. At the beginning of the lab, we had been given the opportunity to make the decision as to who we wanted to work with, or if we wanted work independently. And with previously having accomplished many other assignments similar to this, my partner and I had established that we worked well together, thus resulting in us choosing each other. Nevertheless, after receiving the rubric/ criteria of what to include, we were able to decide on which sections we would each complete, in order to divide the workload evenly. Afterwards, we worked together in constructing the layout of our lab to make it appealing and presentable. Now throughout the process of gathering information and being able to record it in an organised matter. I was able to identify when my partner needed support and provide it. When recognising the various sources that they had been retaining their research from, I realized that many of the citations had been unreliable. For example, Wikipedia, Buzzfeed, etc. However, instead of avoiding this issue, I was able to help guide my partner in the right direction in looking for more trusted websites.  With having been assigned this assignment prior to the break, it caused some problems, which my partner and I were are able to solve in peaceful ways, in which I will discuss further in this paragraph. Now with the deadline of this lab being given towards the end of winter break, and also being given a whole week of class time in advance. It caused my partner and I to slack off, in assumption that we had plenty of time. Luckily, I was able to identify this problem and compare potential problem-solving strategies to help keep us on task. This consisted of things such as coming in during flex to work on it, etc. However, with this additional time that we had provided for ourselves, it caused more distractions and off task behavior, with knowing that we had “more than enough time” to finish our assignment. Which unfortunately led for this potential problem-solving strategy to fail. Nonetheless, further into the future, I was able to solve this problem myself, by deciding that we needed to set multiple due dates within each other. I demonstrated this by establishing certain days in which we needed to complete a specific amount work, in order to stay on task and accomplish work within the time we were given as opposed to craning it in all over the break. Furthermore, before heading off on the break, I was able to clarify and last-minute problems/ questions we had, such as how we would put together the final document without seeing each other. I evaluated the different strategies, and we ultimately agreed on opening a shared google document, so we could check up on each other’s’ progress and edit the lab whenever we wanted; as opposed to constantly sending each other the edited document back and forth.  Ways I want to improve are… Though our final product turned out surprisingly well. There are some things that I would improve if I could; and within this paragraph I will mention a few of things. First off, with our process of actually begging to construct our lab; something that I would improve for next time is to stay more productive during the class time provided, instead of cramming everything in at the last minute. This would not only reduce the constant stress of worrying about when we would eventually finish the assignment; but by spacing out the workloads, we could be much more productive as well. Another improvement that I would include within our document, would have been to incorporate more photos, as opposed to the majority, if not all of the lab being text. By doing this, it would make the document more appealing/ engaging for our audience to read, and furthermore “balance” out the text to the pictures. Now with having accomplished this assignment, I was able to learn from my mistakes, to hopefully benefit projects similar to this in the future. |  |