

Reflection #4

My groups driving question was, "How does veganism create ethical conflicts within cultural and religious communities?" Before we turned in our project we checked that the tri-fold board had the correct information and that it was understandable. One thing I found out about my topic was that they get criticized and rejected a lot by many religions. This is because they feel as if vegans disrespect their cultural beliefs. Another thing I found out about veganism is that it helps the economy because it takes less water to make a pound of soybeans than a pound of beef. This experience showed me that student- led research is very flexible because you don't have to follow a particular uide to find information. Another thing is that you can also do something unique to test out different things with your topic and find very important information. I think that an artistic piece that goes with a project like the ones that were in symposium are very good to have because it shows people your creativity and shows more about your project without having to talk. During this experience I learned that student led research is a very good way to research about your topic and you can try different things to find out stuff about your topic. For example, we did an experiment/ observation with consisted of being vegan for a week and observing our families reactions. I think that our group collaborated very well together because we each gave out our ideas and incorporated it to our project in some way. We also seemed to manage time and work out how we were gonna do the artistic part very well because we ended going to my house and my partners house to work on the project. I am very proud of how our project turned out but if we could change something is to add pictures to our board and have statistics on our board so they can see how vegans have dramatically risen over the years and the negative and positive effects comparison. For the artistic piece, I would have tried to make it out of wood so it could be way sturdier. I would tell an incoming student to always work on the project and never procrastinate because then it will be really hard once the due date comes closer because all of the work will accumulate and you won't have time to do all of it. Also, to try on the project and to think outside the box and try to be unique with your thinking and creativity skills so that your project can stand out. Another thing, is to be careful and choose wisely your partners and your topic so that you can be really interested in your topic and you will actually try on the project. This is so that you don't get bored and are interested and do good on your overall project.

