

### Artifact Reflection

The first artifact is an article layout the juniors worked on for three consecutive weeks. The main purpose of this article was to inform our community about a certain civil rights issue that is a concern nationwide. The issue my group and I were assigned was Abortion. To create this artifact, we used a series of medias to communicate, search information for this topic, and layout a news spread. We used Google Drive to share documents that included a rough draft of our information as well as info graphics and images, and sources that would be included in our work. We used the internet as our main source to obtain our information as well as communicate with one another. Once our draft was completed, we used Adobe In Designer to create and design our final product as a news spread.

For this project, the ESLR's being used as an individual is Collaborative Leader and Effective Communicator. A collaborative leader is expected to exceed more than average requirements to uplift its team. One must, for example, acknowledge and respect other perspectives and disagrees diplomatically. We did so by taking notes on what teachers and panelist felt we could improve or take out to make our article better. One of the main things our group worked well together with as collaborative leaders was the development of ideas and creating products with involvement of all team members. We all had a task to do in the development of the layout and we made sure not to leave our other team members down. I made sure I did what I assigned myself to do on the day I stated I was going to complete it.

Responsibility was a key in this group as well as this assignment. An effective communicator is a person who demonstrates mastery of reading, writing, listening, and speaking. When presenting a project or work to an audience, an effective communicator speaks clearly and loudly as well as maintaining eye contact, dresses appropriately, and uses natural movements. We had no trouble with any of these points when presenting to our classmates, teachers, and critics. But an effective communicator also addresses clearly and properly to its fellow team members. I always made sure the group was in the same page before changing anything or adding more to our article. We made sure we each understood what was happening and when our deadlines were as well as when we were meeting and/or discussing our progress.

I learned that I tend to use these skills in almost everything I do whether it is in school or outside. I learned over the years in attending SVAH, I have learned how to use these skills more effectively. We practice using each and every one of them so often that it has become a part of our learning in school. I noticed that when I got my first job, I felt confident in stepping out of my comfort zone and put these skills in practice with people other than my own classmates. I felt like I was prepared to face the “real” world and I demonstrated to those who underestimated me that indeed I was ready. Being able to communicate with others effectively or being a collaborative leader when doing a group project are skills that each and every person who interacts with others should feel confident in using in every place whether it’s in school or in a work place. SVAH has prepared me to face what is coming my way in the future.