

1. What were your expectations when you first started to work on the paper, on the product and with your mentor? Did your experiences meet those expectations? How did they differ?

At first I didn't have that many expectations but as time went on, I started to become more and more passionate about the subject. I realized the problems that have occurred due to fossil fuels and greenhouse gases. Now I expect to finish my product with complete success and show the world how we can all work together and overcome the problem we face.

2. What problems did you encounter while researching and writing the paper? What was your greatest resource in overcoming these obstacles?

I encountered some obstacles during my research. The main being procrastination and lack of passion towards the project. I remember once reading the definition of Senior Project on a website. It stated that Senior Project is the root of all evil. It is the number one factor of high school suicide and drop outs. This made me lose hope and passion in this subject. Fortunately, I am surrounded by great peers, teachers, friends, and mentors who brought me back to the path of realization and reality. I am now bringing forth all effort to finish this project with passion.

3. What was the most interesting or surprising information you learned in your research?

I learned that the amount of energy we use is very high. We use more energy than China. If we take a look at this population wise, we would see that China has far more people than we do. For instance, if China has 1 billion people and we have 250 million, who should be using more energy. Us or China?

4. What did you learn about yourself during this project? How will you use what you learned throughout the rest of your life, academic or not?

I learned many things during my time working on my senior project. The most important thing was time management. Senior project requires time, effort, and passion. Without these, it's hard to finish before the deadline. If you master them, you'll become successful in many aspects of life.

5. What did the project teach you about the holistic view Islam has for every aspect of our life?

Islam is a way of life. It is the best way to live life. Islam teaches us to use our resources wisely. We need to respect the world we live in as well as the bodies we are given. This is what I have learned so far within the Islamic perspective.

6. What would you do differently now that you have finished?

I would have chose a topic that I was more passionate about. For example, I was passionate about wind energy and neodymium magnets when I first started. unfortunately, i cannot say the same anymore. My passion has slowly faded away.

7. What advice would you give to next year's seniors about how to achieve success on the senior project?

Work hard, don't procrastinate, and be passionate.

8. What grade would you give yourself for the project? Give your justifications.

A. We worked hard during this school year on our project. At times we felt like giving up but we encouraged ourselves not to give up. To keep moving forward. In all honesty I believe I should get a minimum score of an A.