

## Weekly Report 22

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### Developing My Final Product

This week was mainly dedicated to clarifying and narrowing down a topic for Final Product as well as consulting professionals to get their opinion on what to write about. My original goal for this week was to talk to my mentor and the Advocacy center about developing a Final Product. Finding time to talk to my mentor and solidify an idea for Final Product was successful, however, deciding on a project with the Advocacy center was harder. Unfortunately, both the Advocacy center and CASA require volunteers to be out of high school considering some of the kids in the program are my age. Another goal for this week was to contact an attorney who works in a child-related department and ask for an informational interview. My mentor was able to set up an interview with Ms. Shannon Miller who has worked in the Crimes Against Children department and currently deals with child pornography and human trafficking cases. This interview helped to understand some of the most prominent issues in child law and gave me great ideas for potential articles to write about.

My work ethic this week was very good as the majority of my time was spent working on my Final Product by doing online research about topics, talking to my mentor to narrow down my subject, interviewing Ms. Miller to learn about prominent issues, and reading a book about child sexual abuse cases that my mentor let me borrow. One thing that will be a focus for next week will be to write the first article of the legal journal. While my work ethic this week was good, my time was spent doing research to lay the foundation for my writing. It will be imperative to carry this work ethic into next week and turn the research that was done into the first article of the second issue.

This upcoming week will be dedicated to culminating my research into the first article. Picking the individual topic to write about is typically the hardest part of writing the journal, but after talking to professionals about potential articles to write about, I feel confident in choosing articles to write about. My goal will be to have the first draft of the first article completed by the end of the week. One of the main problems with writing this journal is that it can be easy to get stuck while writing and start to take a different direction. To avoid this, a large part of my goal will be to stay on track by reverting back to the original question that is being posed.