

## **Original Work Assessment**

### **Dates and Times:**

Due to the nature of what I did for my original work, I was able to work on it whenever I so pleased. The big planning meeting that I had with my initial mentor, Mr. Brad Baker was done on November 21. This meeting was basically done to decide exactly what I wanted to include in my script. He was able to talk me out of some concepts that seemed really cool, but were almost impossible to conduct. After that, I was pretty much in it on my own. I worked mostly at nights because that's when I'm most creative. I also worked diligently enough to spend multiple hours at once writing. This was simply because once I get on a train of thought, I don't like to stop in the middle of it.

### **Materials:**

The only materials that I used was Celtx which is an online script writing software. I was able to use this on my laptop to write the entire script. I just saved it as a PDF and then printed it. I bought a super small binder and put the script inside so it looks nice.

### **Objective/Purpose:**

The point of writing this script was two things. The first being that I always wanted to write a script, and I knew that if I wasn't doing it for something that I was motivated for, then I would never finish it. I accomplished that goal, and I'm endlessly proud of myself. The main objective of this script was to talk about something that I super passionate about. I wanted to talk about mental illness and suicide. I wrote about this because it's something that is not talked about enough, and I want to be able to draw awareness to the epidemic that this is. I also wanted to write a script that shows the negative consequences on all sides to suicide.

### **Description of Process:**

I began with an idea. I discussed this with many different friends and teachers to decide exactly what I wanted to do. I finally presented what I had in mind to my mentor, and he helped me to weed out some ideas that weren't plausible and then add in some substitute ideas that would make things easier for me as a playwright. I started one draft and liked it at first, but then realized that it wouldn't work in reality. If I wanted to publish this, then I needed to make it something that could actually work. I began writing a new draft, and I ended up loving it. I revised and edited for a couple of weeks until it was something that I became very proud of.

While I probably want to continue making changes in the future, this draft is something that I am extremely proud of, and I would be willing to publish which is a future goal of mine.

### **Utilization of Higher Level Thinking Skills:**

I was able to use my work ethic skills to make sure that I completed everything that I wanted to do. The most important thing that I was able to do with this script is prioritizing. Sometimes this is a skill that I struggle with because I tend to bite off a lot more than I can chew. I have so many ideas and I don't exactly know which ones to keep or get rid of. As I went along in this process I knew that I had to sacrifice some thoughts and ideas to make sure that I was prioritizing what was most practical while still keeping in mind my focus. I was proud of myself for practicing this skill as it is something that I often struggle with.

### **Results:**

The main result of this was a completed script that was completely original, written by me. This is something that I never thought that I would be able to accomplish. Thinking that my work might be published is absolutely crazy to me. I think that I have come up with something that's very important and is going to be something that I look back on with pride for the rest of my life.

### **Conclusions:**

I have decided after this process that I definitely do not want to be a playwright. While I enjoyed making this script, and I can see myself writing in the future, I do not want it to be my full time occupation. This is a very important realization that I have come to as I didn't know if this was what I wanted when I started ISM.

### **Applications/Meanings:**

I now have a newfound love for writing that I'm super excited about. I'm also extremely excited because I'm going to try and go one step further in the fact that I want to publish this script. I will be an actual playwright which is super exciting and important.