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Adapting to Changes

Originally, our main project was organizing a field trip for the eleventh grade team to go plant trees in a community that lacks them. However, after receiving feedback from our mentors, we realized that the preparation for the field trip would take longer than our allotted amount of time to execute it; so we decided to change our project. As a group, we have determined that we will have two projects. The first project is a QR code on each tree surrounding HTH that informs people of the kind of tree, its needs, as well as benefits to the environment. The other project is creating infographics educating others on the importance of trees and promoting Tree San Diego. I've recently grown fond of graphic design after designing a podcast episode cover art during my Sophomore year, therefore I volunteered to have creative control over the infographics. Ever since I was little, I've always admired trees. My grandparents used to constantly bring me to parks, especially every summertime. I remember lying underneath the trees, adoring the summer breeze and never wanting to leave.

Weekly Game Plan		
Week	**What we hope to accomplish**	**Who will accomplish it**
Week 1: 10/4-10/7	1. Have photos documenting our process 2. Finding tree scanning apps 3. Looking at other infographics for inspiration	1. Aly & Owen 2. Elaine & Ayden 3. Aly
Week 2: 10/12-10/15	1. Research for Infographics 2. Creating drafts of infographics 3. Scanning 2-3 trees & containing information in a separate Google doc for each tree	1. Elaine, Owen & Ayden 2. Aly 3. Whole group
Week 3: 10/18-10/22	1. Finalizing Infographics 2. Posting them around school 3. Scanning more trees & creating google docs for each tree	1. Aly 2. Whole Group 3. Elaine, Owen & Ayden
Week 4: 10/25-10/29	1. Scanning as many trees that we can make google docs for 2. Finalizing google docs 3. Posting QR Codes on each tree	1. Elaine & Aly 2. Owen & Ayden 3. Whole group

Learning from our mentors that we didn't have enough time to organize and go on the tree planting field trip definitely altered our project, although it didn't overwhelmingly set us back since we had a back up plan in case the circumstances weren't ideal. I tend to panic when things don't go as planned so going through this showed me that I am more resilient than I

perceive myself to be. Along with realizing that I am resilient, I learned how to adapt rather quickly to changes in the plans and that everything will turn out alright. We took a step backward because we had to rethink our goals for each week. Now, we have a clearer picture of what's to come.

My personal goals for our project are to document as much as I can of our process, design the art aspect of the infographics, as well as helping scan the trees. I will be responsible mainly for the design of the infographics and supporting my group mates in any way that I can. The first steps I'll take are creating drafts of the infographics and looking to examples for inspiration.

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The First Steps

Each person from the Lorax group has a unique array of talents that will contribute to the success of our project. For instance, Ayden is smart with computers and can be of assistance to anyone having technical difficulties (which I expect will happen quite frequently). One of his hobbies is cooking. Owen's biggest skills are asking questions and retaining information. He is a cheese enthusiast and loves an adrenaline pumping hike. Elaine is skilled at advocating for causes she is passionate about and listening to others. She is musically talented, playing the electric guitar and piano. I adore taking scenic walks, especially after a chaotic day. Some of the skills that I contribute to my group include persevering through challenges and being goal motivated.

The organization we are working with is Tree San Diego. Tree San Diego works with non profit, community organizations to plant the right trees in the appropriate spot with the appropriate support. This organization is dedicated to preserving the urban forest in San Diego County for the benefit of people, the environment, as well as the future. I was more interested in this organization after learning about how important shade is in regards to keeping environment temperatures cooler and the disparity in urban communities.

 I learned that Tree San Diego is working on planting DAC trees that use a low or moderate amount of water in financially disadvantaged communities. DAC captures carbon dioxide from the air and prevents it from releasing more heat into the atmosphere. Another project idea was that we could research the types of trees surrounding HTH and put QR codes on them with information about the trees and what they do, which I thought was really cool.