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Civics really helped me improve my collaboration skills. I often work with the same people during class, but like when we were forming the media pass idea, we worked as a whole class. That showed me how to work with different styles and ideas than I am used to, and how to be constructive when sharing ideas. I thought about how to incorporate everyone's ideas while also filtering out ones that seemed too difficult for the time constraints placed on us. For example, when we had to create the PowerPoint to present to the teachers, there was a slide that was completely useless to what we wanted to prove, but instead of saying that outright, I worked with the group that made the slide to decide whether to delete it completely or to revise. In the end, we decided that the rest of the PowerPoint was strong enough that we could just delete that one slide. It worked out because we came to a consensus instead of me just taking it upon myself to fix the slide like I would usually do.

It was difficult for me to question material. I always just try to absorb information first, and ask questions later. In this class, though, we would hardly ever go back to exactly what I had a question about, so it seemed irrelevant afterward. I try to listen to someone's complete argument before I form my own questions about what they think. I choose to wait to see if they can change my mind or if they will answer my question later on, but that isn't really what I think those talks are about. I might improve by not being so afraid to speak up about the questions I have on other people's ideas. I just have to be able to not take it to heart when someone shoves their opinions down my throat, and I also have to be able to defend my own opinions under pressure. If I can do that, questioning ideas right when I think of it will be so much easier.

I will probably vote in the future, but I thought the same way before I came into the class. I feel that, more than anything, Civics made me want to look more into current events. My only sources of news before this had been The Colbert Report and The Daily Show, and I only watched them scarcely. Now, I take more time out of my day to read news articles I find on the internet and to listen to the news when my nana has it on at home. It's not too big of a step

forward, but I think it's better than nothing, especially because I'm growing to enjoy knowing about events happening around the world.