

To identify the problem we would choose for this project, we all brainstormed ideas we had about what needs to be improved here/issues at NIU. A few initial ideas were the quality in the female bathrooms in the dormitories, the buses, and the food options at the dining halls. We ultimately decided on the female dorm bathrooms because we had the most to say about it and so it came more naturally for us to talk about, and it was also an issue we could easily show evidence of and thus find a feasible solution. (photos, interviews from those who live there and therefore are directly impacted by the bathrooms.) We settled on the solutions of one: telling the RA's and informing them about the lack of care put into the dorm bathrooms not only by the ones who use it but the lack of effort in cleaning it from the janitorial staff. And the second solution: Renovation. Especially renovating Neptune Hall and Stevenson's bathrooms. (We specify these two because these are the two that desperately need it, way more than Patterson and Grant and that can easily be proven with the photograph evidence we used.) We could even just contact NIU's Housing and Residential services to tell them they need to hire better staff who cares more, who puts more effort into keeping the bathroom a safe and clean environment for those who use it. To research the problem, we documented and interviewed friends of ours who live in each of the dormitories here at NIU. Our genre is (obviously) Unhygienic Female Bathrooms, and we are using evidence (pictures and interviews) to influence our audience (females living on campus in these unhygienic bathrooms) into noticing just how bad it is and what they can do about it. With all the evidence (interviews and photos) we've collected, it's undeniable that the female bathrooms are an issue. Our hope is that with all the evidence we've collected, it's enough to help girls contact the schools Housing and Residential Services to complain enough so we can make a difference and renovate the bathrooms, or at the very least get better cleaning staff. We used photos like the nasty showerhead photo in Neptune West compared to Grant's new and clean showerheads to show just how different the quality in the halls are, and also how it isn't impossible for them to add new ones to the dorm showers. We also added photos of all the mold in every dorm bathroom to really show just how big of an issue it is. The evidence is undeniable, and at the very least NIU has a mold problem in the showers. It's even clear there's a mold problem in our interviews, where in every single one BUT the Grant users interview there are complaints of mold. We chose to keep the interviewees anonymous, and to ask people from all different halls. Because of this, it was essential to ask every single one of them the same exact questions. (To really observe how bad of an issue the hygiene is and also the differences.) The methods we used to make sure we were in sync in working together is just to keep each other updated, and to make sure we ask questions when someone is confused. One thing I would've done differently for next time however is to probably meet more, it was just hard with the timing of this project as we're all leaving for thanksgiving break early/as necessary. We decided on doing photos and interviews for evidence because we felt it's evidence that is undeniable when

shown to prove our issue. NIU's Housing and Residential Services can't say the issue doesn't exist when we have straight proof and testimony from those who have to suffer through the disgustingness of the issue. All of the interviews are mostly complaints, all except Grant's, which she still complains but it's more of the people on her floor who make it unhygienic compared to everywhere else where the bathroom came like that. My Collaboration Report I wrote consisted of what Kamaya, Zorah, and Isabela did for our Persuasive Paper and how I think we all worked pretty good together. I also wrote about how I felt about them individually, and if I'd ever work with them again. I feel I 100% contributed to the project as described in our Group Proposal and worked well with my team to meet goals and integrate materials. We all thoroughly discussed and brought our campus problem to light, We all made sure to not only discuss but incorporate our target audience in the project by interviewing them as evidence and testimony, we all established and integrated our genre, Unhygienic female bathrooms, and we, like previously mentioned, all collected evidence not only by real interviews/stories of our target audience but by undeniable photo evidence. If I could do this project again, I would've taken more time editing. I also would've had us script our video better so it wasn't as all over the place as I thought it was. We had a light script, but nothing crazy. And the reason I had barely any time to edit was because we had no other time to meet but late Monday 11/17th, which meant I had to edit at lightning speed to make it shorter and make more sense. Lastly, I met all the requirements for the persuasive paper, or at the very least I did my part. We split the Persuasive paper as evenly as possible, which led to me starting the paper. I explained the problem to the person in charge (NIU's Residential Services) and introduced the evidence. Basically I wrote the first 300 words and also edited some of the rest of my group's parts.