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The Many Choices

Weekly Report 3/13 to 3/19

During this week, I began to find multiple possible song choices for me to parody for my final product. I realized just how difficult it was to search for songs that middle schoolers would either be familiar with or know it as a recent trend (such as what I previously intended my video to have, the song, “Black Beatles” by Rae Sremmurd, due to its popularity in the “mannequin challenge”). For this particular song, I had gotten about halfway through changing the lyrics to my script when I realized that some parents might find this song unfavorable for their children to listen to. Therefore, after asking my younger brother and the other boys aged 12, songs from my list of possibility, I found that most of them knew the song “Never Gonna Give You Up” by Rick Astley. This song to me is a perfect blend of popularity and the ability to where I can twist the lyrics to be as effective as possible in relaying my vision for my educational video.

During my mentor visit this week, Ms. Tribuzi also aided me in picking out lyrics appropriate to my purpose of my product. She gave me further advice by recommending me to find someone that is well-known that lives in the North Texas area and incorporate them into the video in order to maintain the attention of the audience who is viewing the video. During this

upcoming weekend, I aim to begin filming as I finish up the lyrics for my final song choice this week and see what remarks my mentor might have about further improvements.

During my mentor visit, I was able to learn some of the basic math that is required for the pharmacology class at the CTE center. I felt incredibly more prepared for my interview for that course and I know that the knowledge and practice I received will aid me throughout my pursuit to end up as a pharmacist.