Prompt 2:

Over the summer of 2015, I took part in creating a group called Side With Peace with two of my classmates. Our goal was to educate students from younger generations on the dangers of dating/domestic violence, in hopes to put an end to it. I became a part of this movement because my grandmother herself was a victim of domestic violence, and after hearing the stories that she would share about how terrified and hurt she was, I didn’t want anyone else to have to experience the same situation. I am very passionate about this topic, and therefore have put my all into creating this movement. This process was a bit challenging, but I am proud of how far we have come.

Working on this project has helped me practice many skills as well as develop new skills that would become useful to me in my future. I continuously practiced my communication skills because as a team, we each understood that communication was the foundation of our movement and despite many disagreements that we had, through communication, we found resolutions.

One of the most important skills that I adopted was my leadership skill. Towards the start of our project, we were having difficulty deciding on a logo. We had rough drafts and many ideas for our logo, but as a team, we couldn't decide on which one suited us best. I took it upon myself to design a logo where everyone's ideas were incorporated. I began by asking for ideas and then created the logo in Photoshop. The team loved the logo. No one asked me to complete this task, but I knew that if we remained stuck on this disagreement for too long, we would be wasting precious time that instead we could be using to push our project forward. We would also jeopardize our team spirit and our movement.

This project still continues and we have recently accepted two new group members. We are working towards expanding our impact and involving more youth within our neighborhood.