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When You're an Addams

Weekly Report 10/31 to 11/4

Despite the lack of assignments due in Independent Study and Mentorship this week, there was still a great abundance of stress, as the first musical performance in Reedy High School history took place. While the Addams Family production was extremely successful, it also acted as a major stressor as the week progressed, taking the majority of my attention and time, rather than allowing me to better direct my focus completely on my academic success for the week. Although my grades did remain fairly strong throughout the week, I did experience some issues with focusing, as I often caught myself giving more thought and attention to the upcoming show nights, rather than focusing only on my school work. Although this was a slight struggle, I was eventually able to overcome my difficulties and focus more on my assignments. Likewise, because the production is now over, I look forward to having a greater opportunity to once again focus fully on my school work and to have time outside of school to complete homework in a much more thorough and effective method, without having outside factors serving as distractions.

While in class for ISM, we began to discuss the upcoming deadline of our original work proposal, which is to be submitted this upcoming Friday. This due date has begun to make me

very nervous, and has added to my stress level once again, as I have experienced conflicted feelings on the specific type of work that I want to create for my topic of elementary music education. I had originally thought that this product would be fairly simple to complete, however, with the amount of research that I have gathered through each Research Assessment, I began to realize that there does not seem to be a specific area which needs to be addressed in my field. Because of this, I plan to discuss with peers and teachers, so that I may see if there are any areas that I may be overlooking, which could potentially be addressed with my original work.

As a whole, I am looking forward to upcoming opportunities both in the ISM program and outside of the course, as well as the greater amount of time that I will gain in which I will strive to complete more assignments in a more positive manner.