**Reflections:**

1. My chosen seminar topic is “The Effects of Prolonged Exposure to Elevated CO2 Levels on Marine Fish Behavior and Lifecycle.” What drew me to this topic was learning about ocean acidification in my oceanography class last semester. Learning about the changing ecosystem and the negative effects that this process has on the organisms that call it home pushed me into researching the effects and potential acclimation to these new water parameters. At first I wanted to focus on gobies in particular but after looking through articles I realized that this was far too narrow of a scope, so I widened my view to include all fish. Because of my chosen topic, I expect that certain classes I have taken in previous semesters will be helpful in completing the project such as oceanography, chemistry, ecology, evolution, and ichthyology just to name a few.
2. At this point in my academic career I assess that my writing ability is quite high, not quite expert but good enough to successfully convey my ideas, goals, and position on whatever topic I am writing about. While I may essentially struggle with planning out the layout of a paper, once I begin to gather more data the layout becomes clearer. Speaking in front of an audience has also been a struggle for me, but with practice and the tips and tricks I have learned in my public speaking classes I know I will be able to project myself and effectively present my research. Overall, I am as prepared as I can be to develop a term paper with an oral presentation.