Team Appraisal (100 word min)

1. Justification for your team decisions.   
a. What factors were considered?

When making decisions as a team, we often considered each other’s worldviews and how we individually practice empathy.   
b. Why were these factors important?

Being empathetic and inclusive in our decision making allowed us to understand one another and avoid conflicts as a group. When we sense a disagreement, our group is good at identifying differing views and voicing opposing opinions. Ultimately, this discourse allows us to move forward.  
c. How was inclusivity considered?

Inclusivity in the group is a core tenet, and since we all come from different backgrounds, it is important that we are inclusive of one another’s ideas. Building on the idea from before, one of the factors that helps us to avoid conflict and be inclusive is the voicing of differing opinions in a constructive manner. We often voice our opinions without malicious intent. This allows the person receiving the criticism to take it in without feeling that the criticism was directed at them instead of their idea. Ultimately, we try to be inclusive by letting our differences create more ideas instead of stopping us from working together.  
2. Reflection on your team experiences.   
a. What went well?

The team so far has been doing very well in terms of organisation and being responsible for our own work. During team meetings, members are engaged and we can get on quickly with activities since we come prepared.  
b. What strategy was applied?

Some strategies that we applied to organise ourselves is a gantt chart for taks managing. In addition to organisational tools, we like to take turns speaking in a group, and also split up when brainstorming or doing our own research.  
c. How were the community responses utilized?

Although we have not had the luxury of direct contact with the stakeholder, we were provided enough information through text and videos to start doing our own research. Learning about the community helped in our diverging of ideas, as we could empathise with why the stakeholders emphasise cost as one of their values.  
  
3. Lessons learned from your project team experiences   
a. What knowledge was gained?

Some of the things that I learned from working as a group is the importance of planning and the usefulness of seeking help from outside sources like TAs. More detail is provided in the answers below.  
b. What did you learn from your positive experiences (e.g., success, desired   
outcomes)?

Since we were able to work so efficiently due to our forward planning, we learned about the importance of planning.

c. What did you learn from your negative experiences (e.g., failure, undesired   
outcomes)?

Some of the troubles we faced was in understanding the opportunity and frustration at not being able to contact the stakeholder. Next time, some of the confusion could have been averted if we were more vocal with seeking help from TAs. They are a great resource to be utilized :)  
d. What changes will be applied (start, avoid or stop)?

From now on, we will use the TAs when we encounter trouble.