PROJECT GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

Use this guide as a project journal. Inside you will find questions to think through as you complete each phase of your project. Use the space provided to write down your answers, reflections, and any new questions you find yourself asking.

As you work through this guide, remember the Deciding Forward Model. Be curious as you explore your interests and figure our what kind of project you would like to pursue. Dig deep as you set out to discover the steps you would need to take to turn your project idea into reality. Be intentional as you reflect on your progress, experiences, and the lessons you have learned about yourself and your project as you decide whether to keep your origininal goal or pivot to a new goal. Remember: the ability to persevere through challenges and setbacks and the ability to change directions and pivot towards a new goal when the time is right are both valuable life skills you will apply throughout your life. The key is being able to honestly and intentionally reflect on your experiences and the lessons you have learned to determine the direction you should move in next.

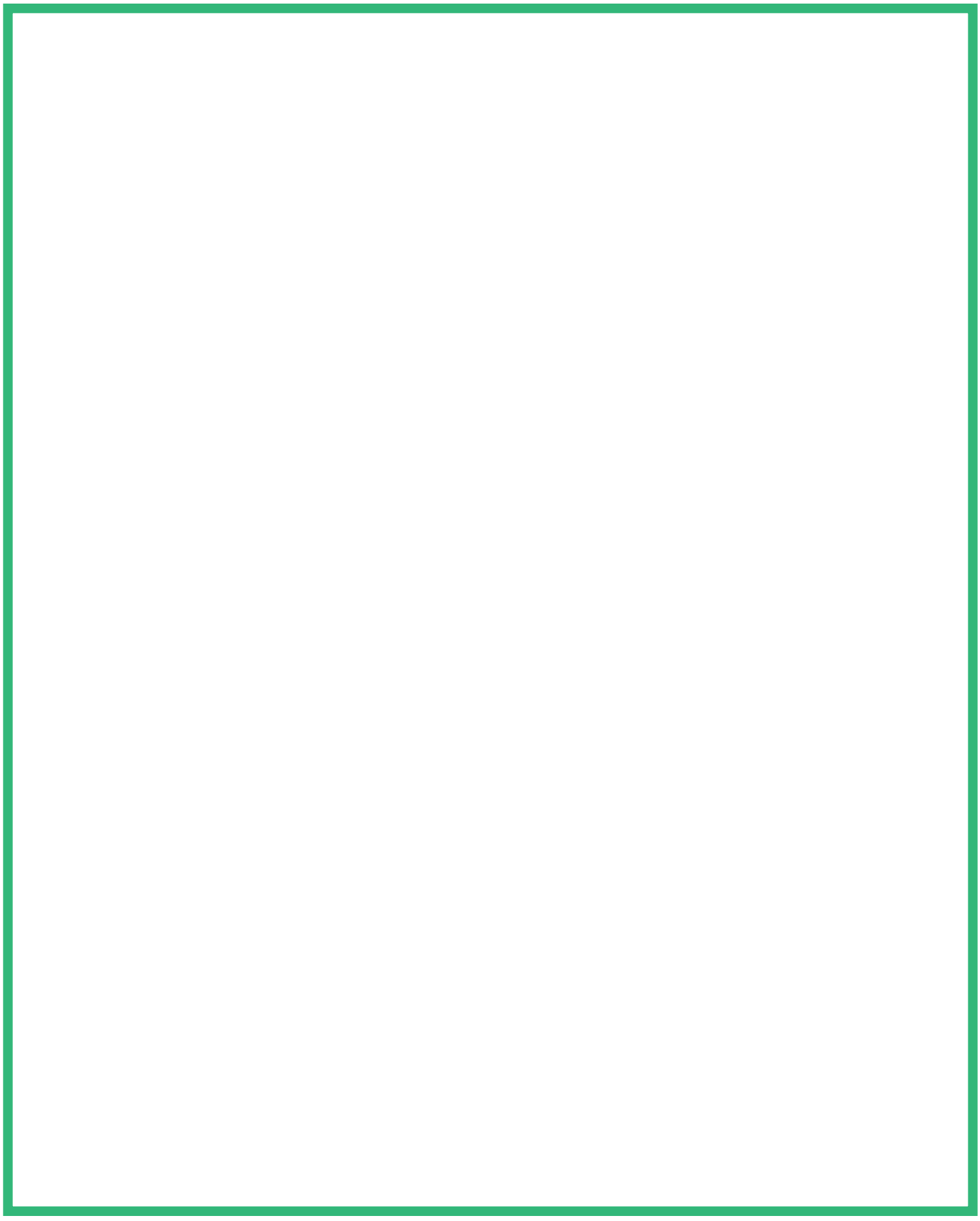
Let’s get started!

Curiosity
PREPARE
Discover
Reflect

PREPARE

What do I want to learn?

What can I DO that will help me learn through real-world experience?



Discover
PLAN
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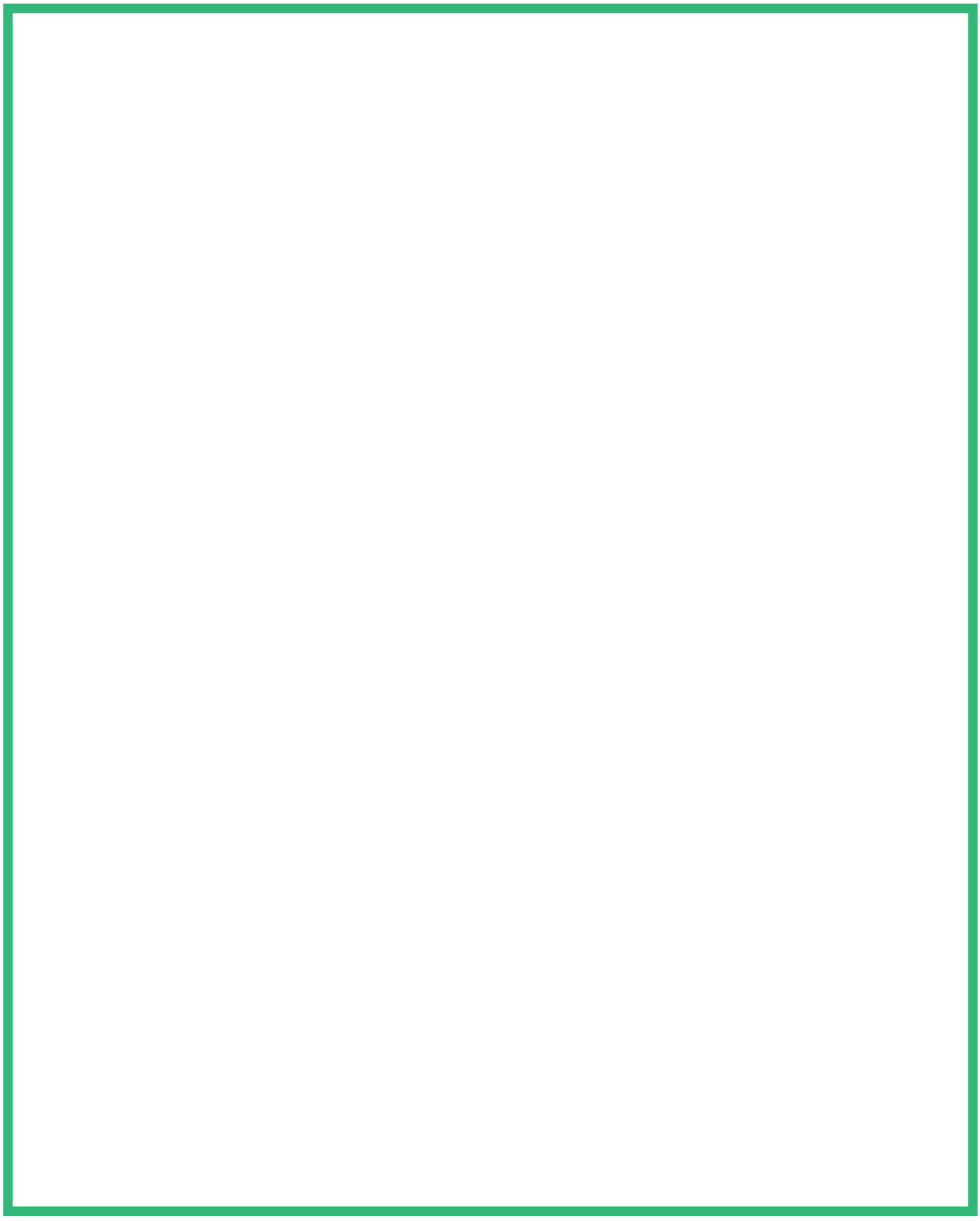
EXECUTE

PLAN

What do I hope to accomplish by the end of my project?

What stages or steps will be included in my project?



How often will I review my progress & reorient myself if I am off track?

What materials (if any) do I need to gather before starting my project?

Which mentors do I need to connect with for guidance during my project?

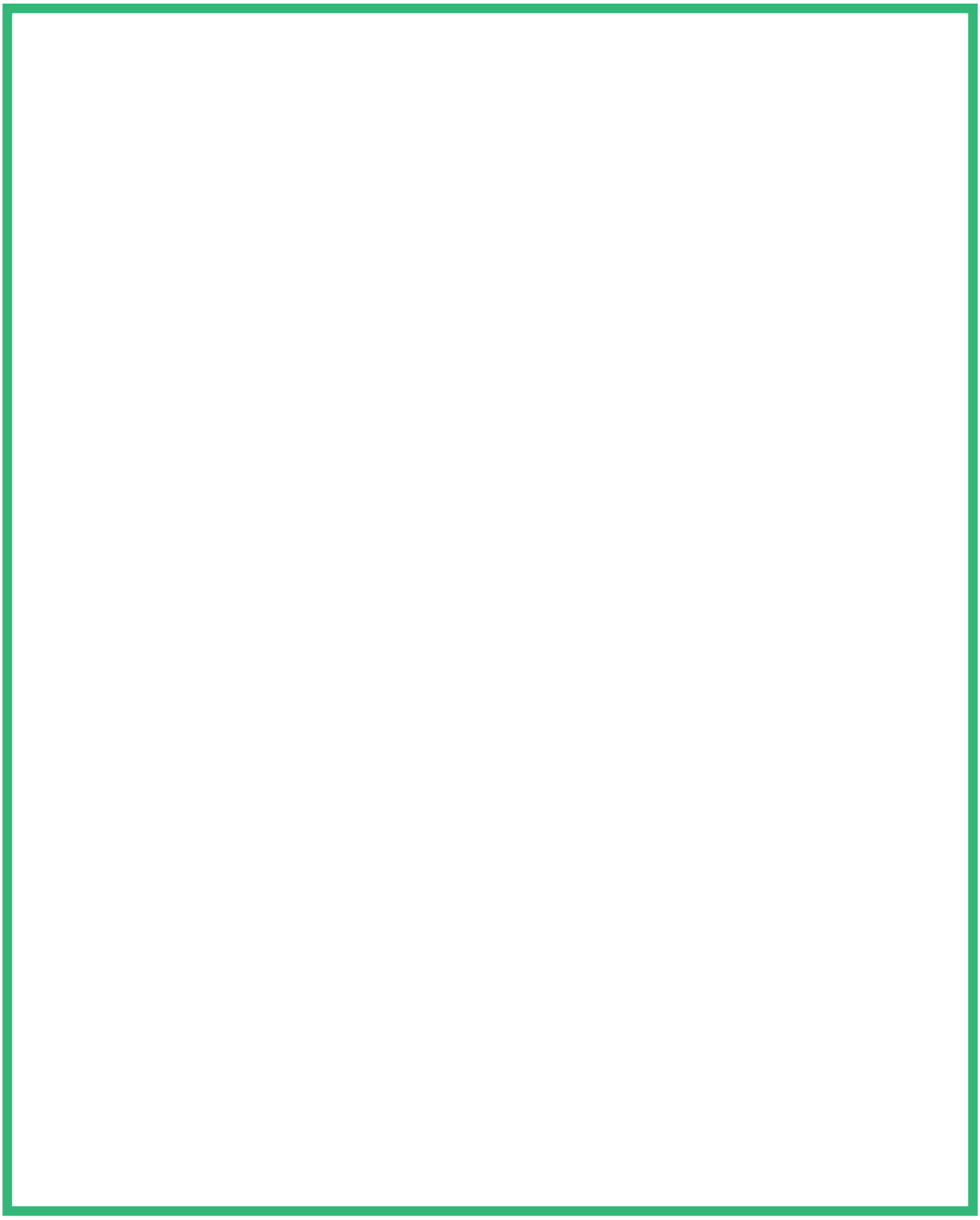
EXECUTE

Am I on track to meet my project deadline?

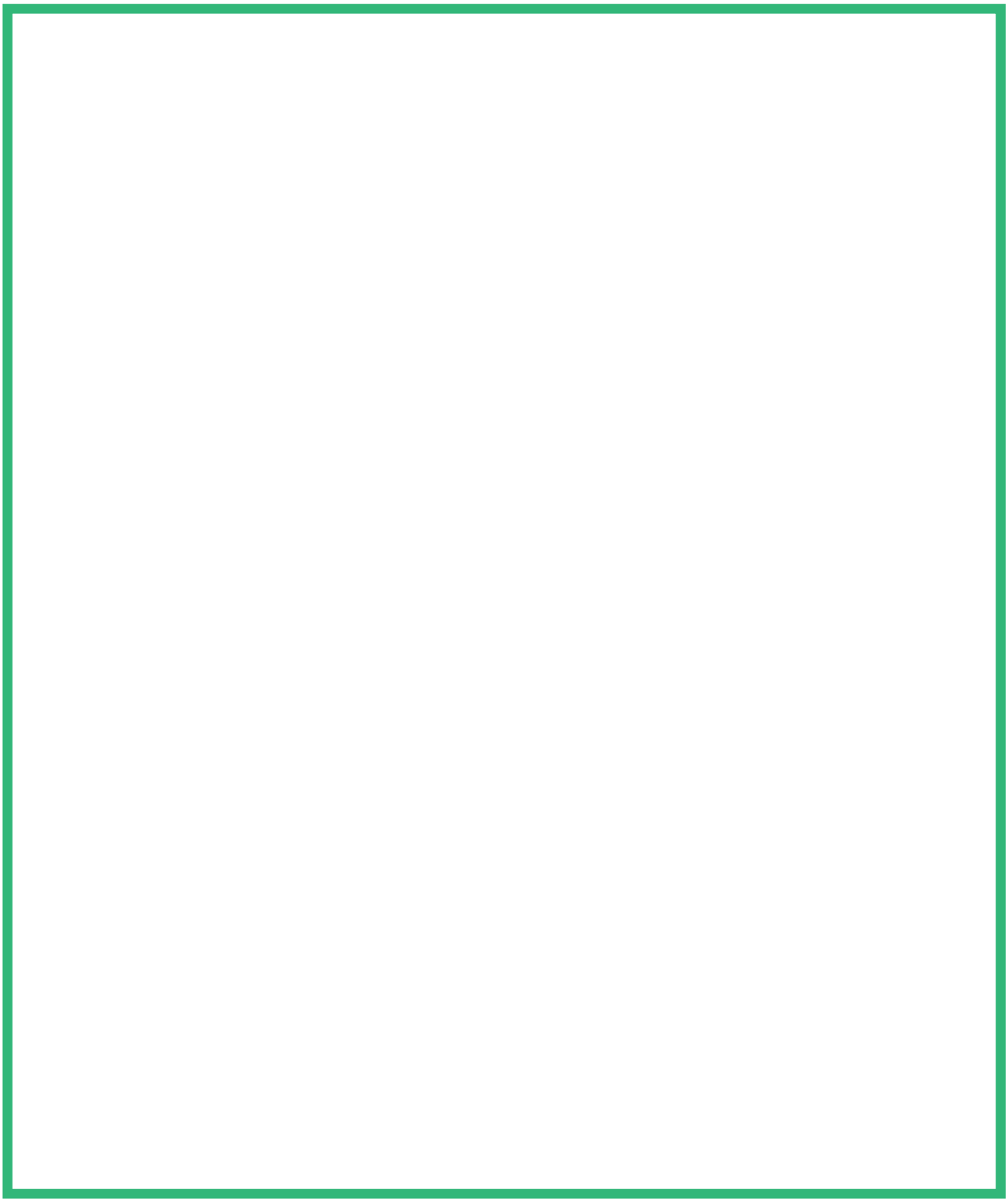
If not, what can I do to get back on track?

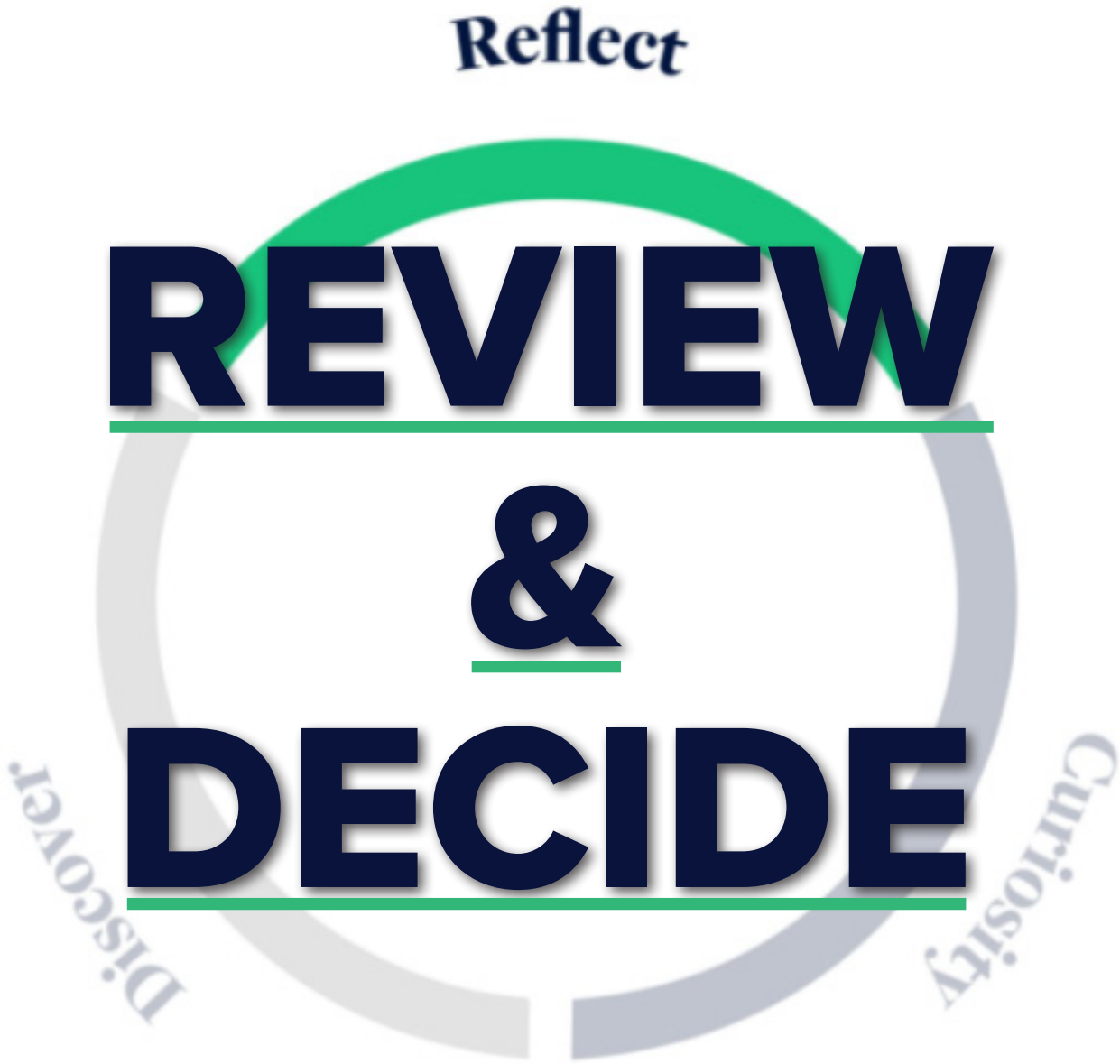
Are there any future obstacles I can anticipate and prepare for?

What am I learning from my project so far?



Am I still interested in my original plan? Is there anything I need to change or adjust?

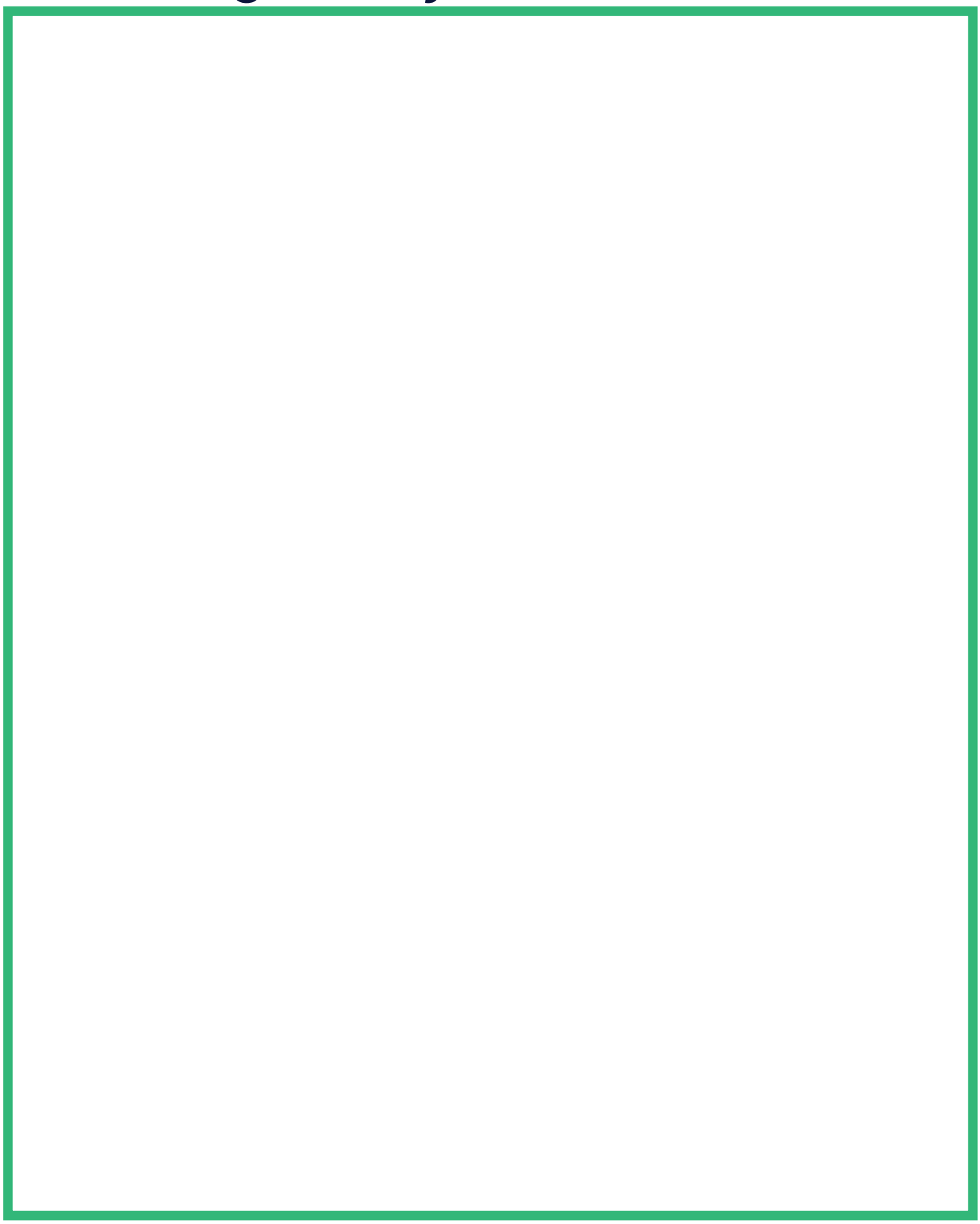



Reflect
REVIEW
&
DECIDE
Discover
Curiosity

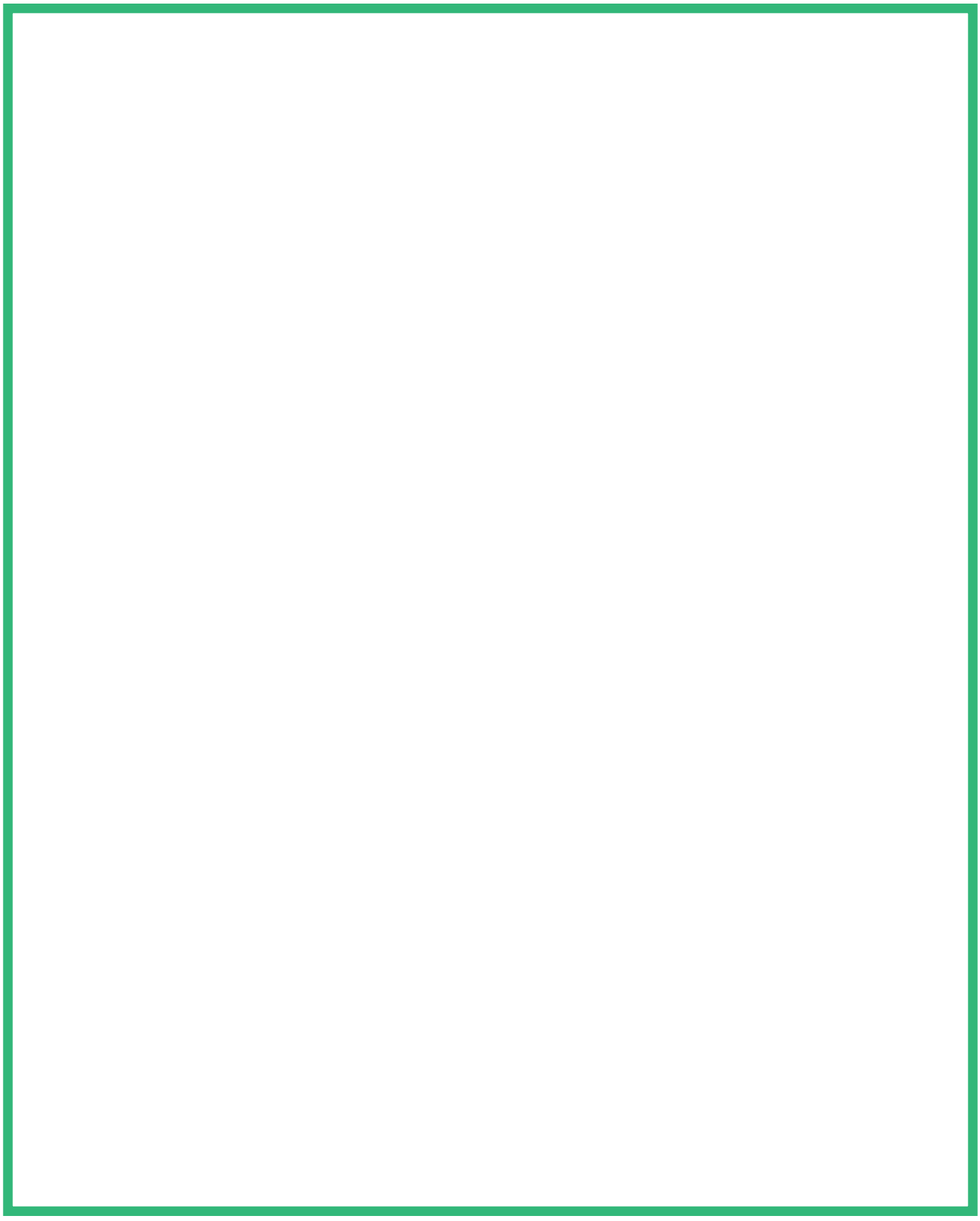
REVIEW & DECIDE

What knowledge did I gain from my project?

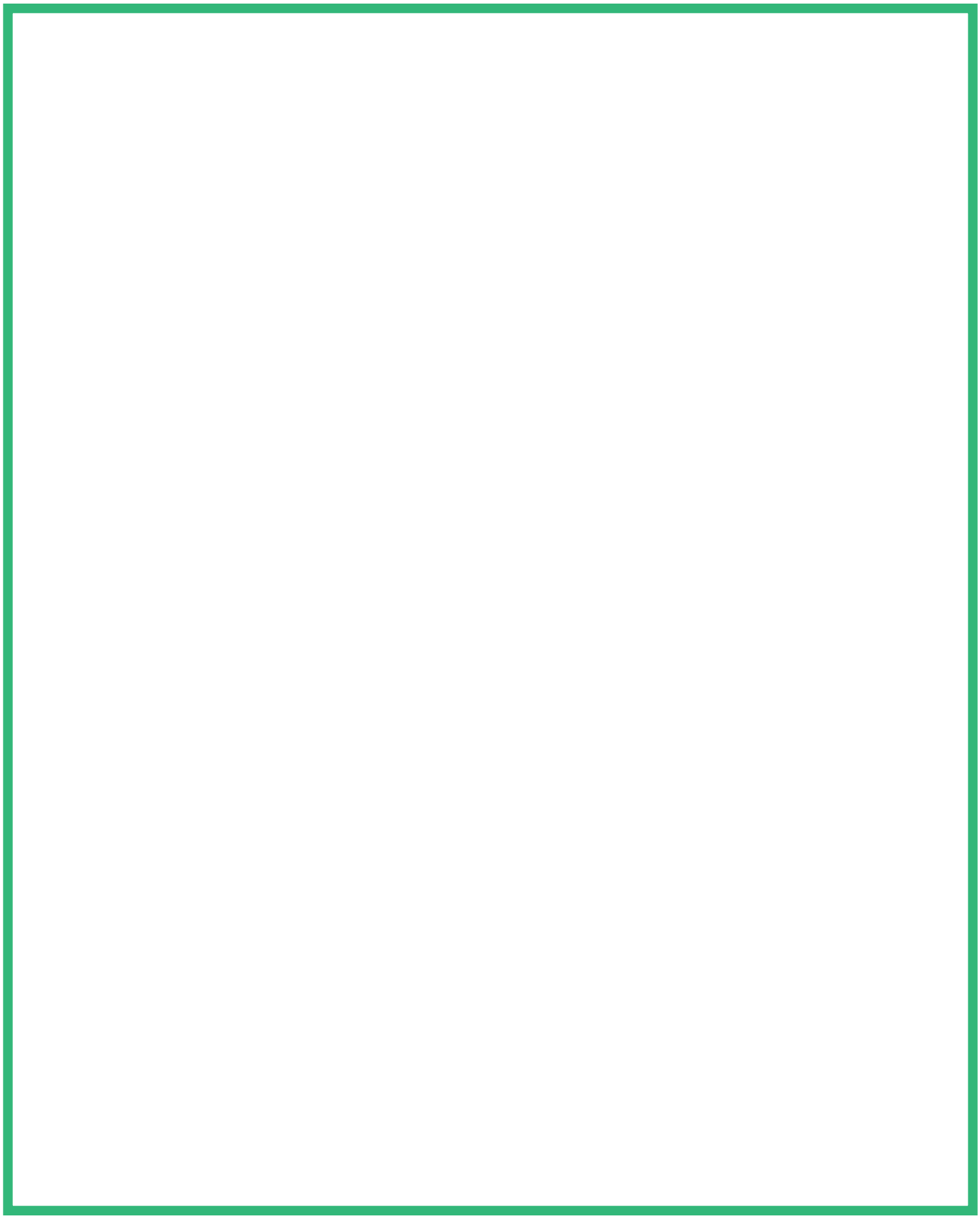
What did I learn from the mistakes I made along the way?



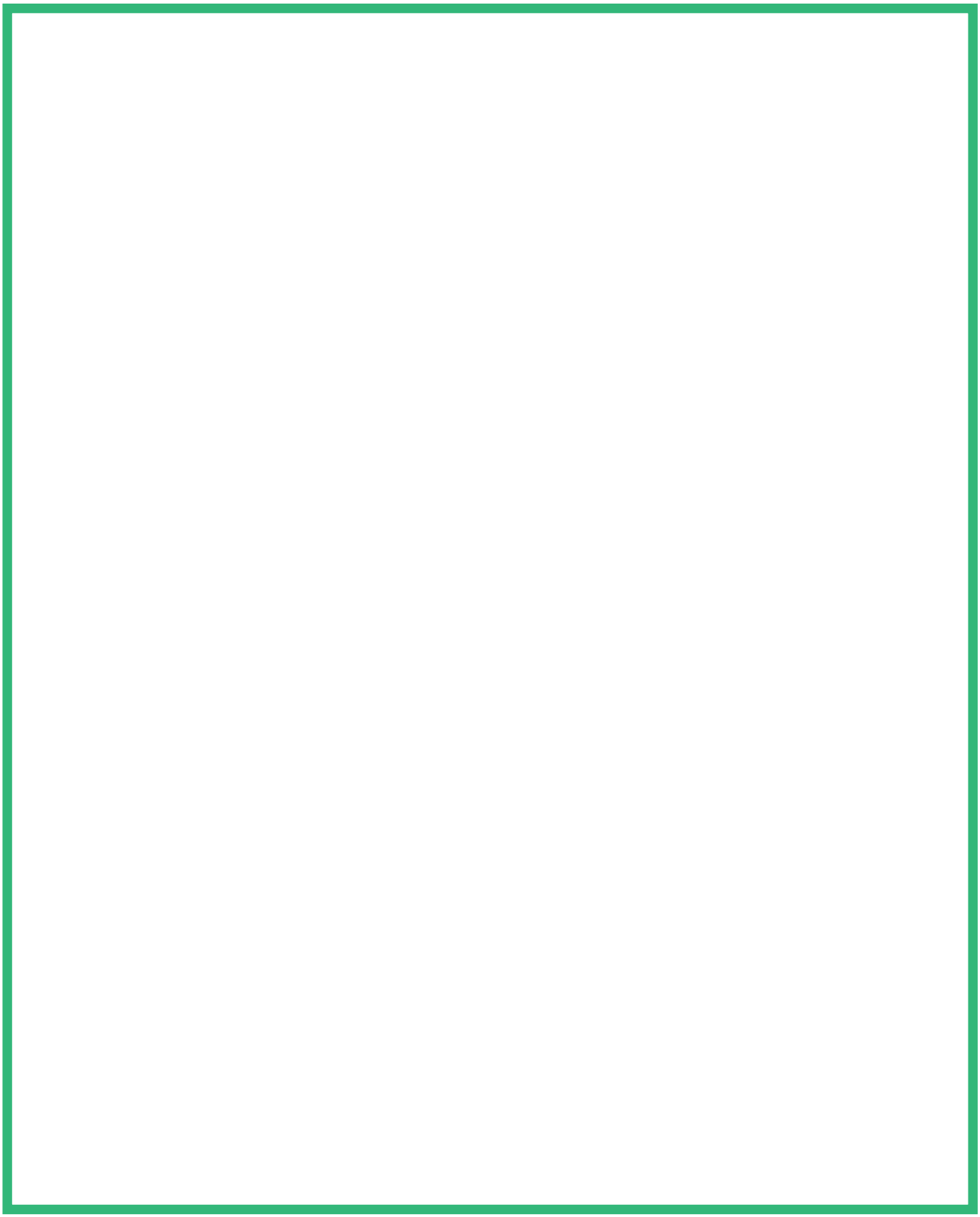
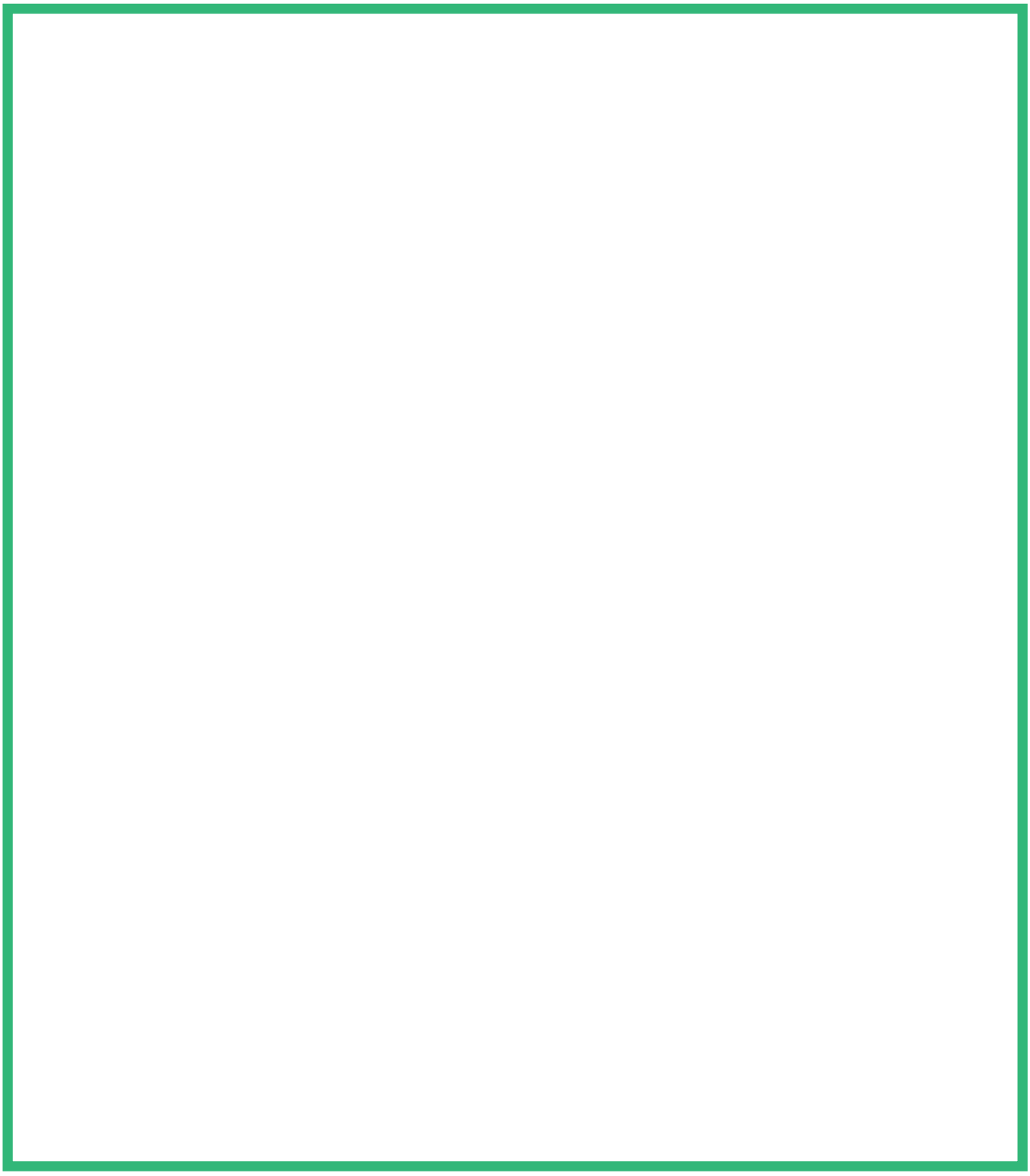
What new skills or strengths did I develop?



What did I learn about my own strengths and weaknesses?



Who did I connect with through my project and what did I learn from them?



Do I want to keep moving forward towards the same goal? If so, what's my next step? If not, what new goal will I pursue?