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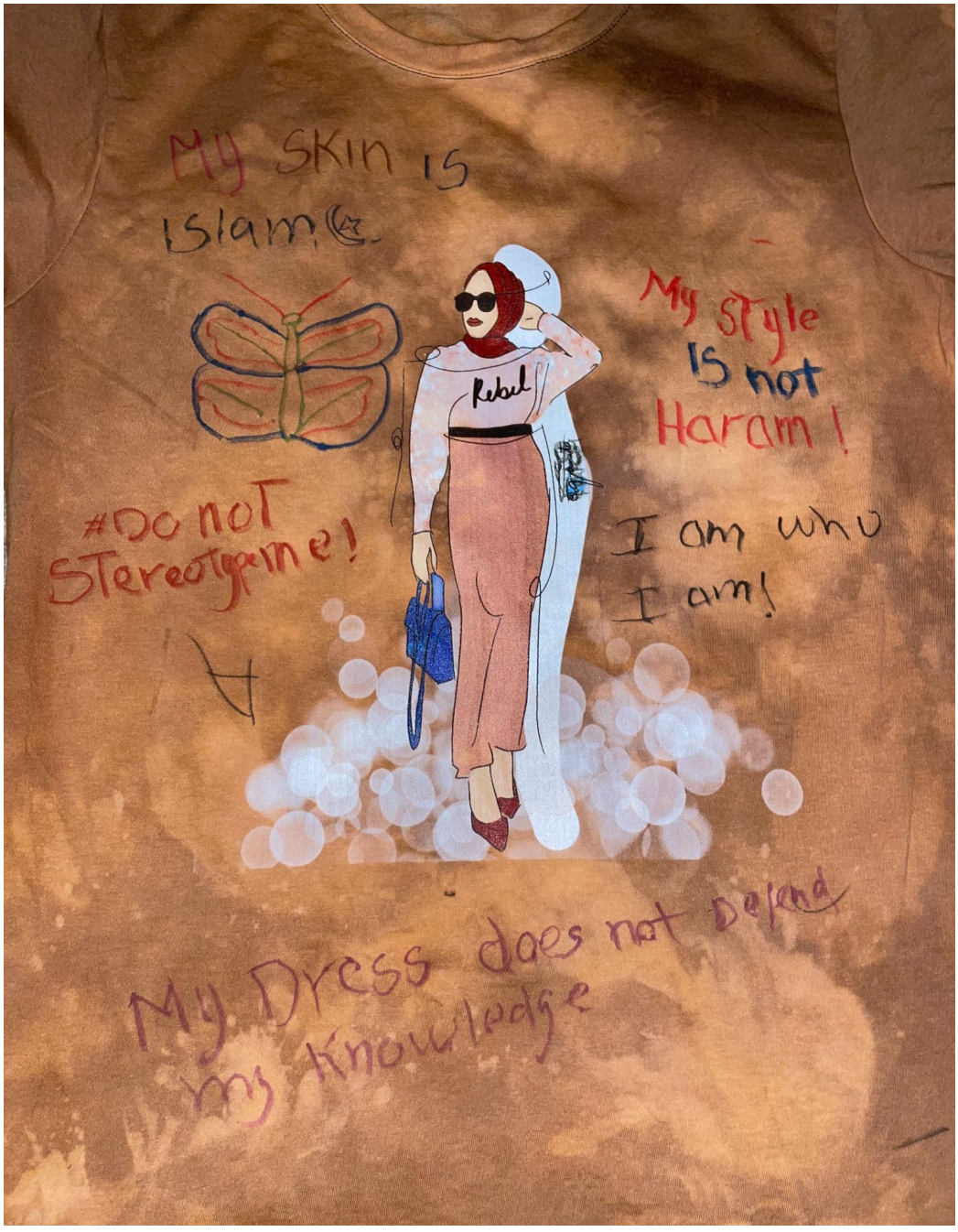

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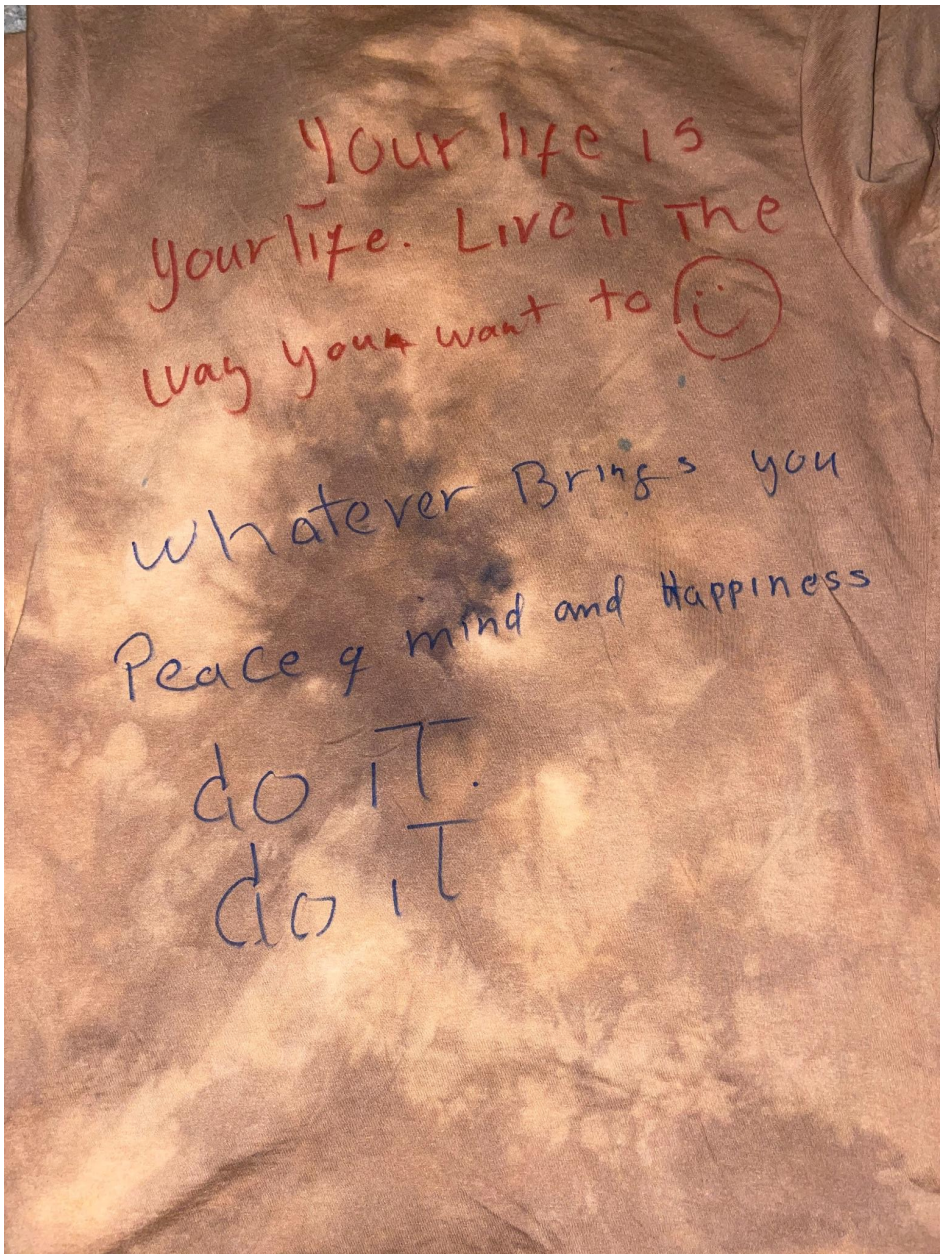

T- shirt Final Essay

Oftentimes I get judged about the way I dress even though my body is fully covered. In islam people believe that women should not be wearing tight clothes that shows their body shape to attract men, women are commanded to wear loose clothes that does not show any form of their shapes. As for me I like to dress in tight fashionable clothes that are still modest because it is a representation of who I am. I do not dress to impress no men, but myself although many times I tried to change my dressing to fit into society,however because of my curves even when I dress in loose clothes my shape will still show so I decided to wear what makes me happy because no matter what people will still talk. I stated that my style is not haram because clearly it is not I am always dressed in a fashionable yet modest wear which do not show my skin or hair and if men cannot control themselves because they believe a women shape is being a distracted to them that shouldn't give them the right to say the dressing is haram. In my belief women should wear whatever they want as long as their bodies are covered they are good and men should learn how to control themselves and stop telling women what is haram and what is not. By the way haram means(Forbidden in islam).

When I stated that my skin is islam many people find it hard to believe that a dark skin person from Africa cannot be muslim. Often times I go to different cultural mosques to pray and I always get stared at which is really hard breaking because islam does not discriminate this will take me to the point where I stated my dress does not defend my knowledge. Many times people tend to think you are not knowledgeable because of the way you dress or because of your skin color. For instance I know how to read arabic I finished reading the Holy Quran at the age of 13 and I memorised a lot of surahs. Surahs(are called chapters in the Holy Quran). I also know the meaning of many surah and I almost know all the basic rules of islam, but when people see me they think I am not knwledgeble in islam. Even when I go to Arab mosque I get people looking at me thinking that I can't pray which is funny because I have been muslim my whole life.

I am who I am is something that was hard for me to conquer. I've realized to wear whatever I want and do whatever makes me happy. People will always talk no matter what and you will always be stereotyped. I get stereotypes within my own community and other communities. For example my community thinks I am not islamically knowledgeable because of the way I dress and whenever I am travelling at airports I always get put aside because of my hijab. When I didn't have the hijab on it was easy for me to undergo security at airports, but since I started traveling with my hijab they always have to check my hijab even if nothing beeps at the security scanning. I have decided to do what makes me happy and do whatever brings me peace and joy because no matter what you do people will still find a negative to say .