For the second project, I want to make it has some connection with the first one. As the second project requires me to reveal or talk about something about myself. I decide to further explore the topic of me being an action figure collector.

Talking about action figures, the first thing that comes to my mind is stop motion animations. I have already tried that kind of animation in one of my high school art projects. It was a brief battle scene of my action figures fighting each other. However, I encountered several problems at that time. The first one is that I need to process the background of each picture one by one. And 16 pictures (actually 24 imaged are needed) are needed for just 1 second. That was tons of workload and I spent nearly 1 week for that 15 seconds project. The second challenge I was facing is that when taking photos of my action figures, the angle of my camera and the position of the figures changes a bit when I want to change the poses and that made the video not very continuous. Also, I cannot slice the 1 sec pose change into 24 pieces, so my video are not smooth enough. That’s all of the problems and I might need some suggestions to overcome them in this project.

Finally, I want to show my daily life scenes with action figures in it for this stop motion animation. So I should choose a relaxing background music and add some narration on another track. I wonder is there any regulations of choosing background music? I definitely not want to violate any copyright laws.