Submit a short synopsis of your thoughts on the Last Lecture. Answer the following questions - what affected you the most? Did you identify with any of his messages? 1/2 page to 1 page.

I’ll admit it, the length of the video made me groan. I was pretty hesitant to start it up. But when I got into it, I was inspired. I remembered bits and pieces of when I was a kid, all the thoughts that bubbled up and the dreams I would think on. And I reflected on what dreams I think on now, and while the wording and exact execution of them have become more specific and more articulated, they really are the same. It’s good to be reminded that the same awe and wonder I felt as a kid still drive me. It’s easy to get caught up in the messiness of mundane life. It bogs me down a bit, but my hopes give me good reason to push on and not become complacent where I am. What affected me most was when he brought up teaching with head fakes. It made pause for a moment and reevaluate what I gained from previous work I have done, and it occurred to me perhaps I gained more than I believed I did at the time. I appreciate the core of this lecture, it’s very encouraging and thoughtful.

In this discussion, we will discuss how our mindset affects others.  How has your mindset helped another person?  Have you unknowingly helped another person because you exercised a growth mindset instead of a fixed mindset?  Feel free to share your examples here.

I believe that growth is all about making mistakes. Trial and error is how we correct our paths. Nothing can be earned without some venturing out, and when you take mistakes in stride, it naturally lifts the people around you. Everyone needs some breathing room to explore without the fear of what reprimand could come from failure. So it’s possible that I’ve unknowingly helped someone simply by having a more accepting mindset. I hope it helped them become more adventurous as well, enough so they could feel some confidence stepping out of their comfort zones.

Submit your learning style document. Was it what you expected? What do you think you will do in this class to optimize your learning? What can I do to help you?

I’ve taken quizzes like this for past classes, so it was within my expectations. It has always landed on Mostly Visual, balancing to a varying degree with kinetic. I think this is why online classes work rather well with me. (Reading instead of- or while- listening has always worked better.) I do appreciate the activities of the Dance and Artist labs. I learn best by reading and following examples, so this all works very well! I hope our assignments continue to be so hands-on, I enjoy putting into practice what I learn. I do have a tendency to let things slip my mind if I have a lot of things to juggle, so reminders come in handy. There seems to be an assignment reminder on moodle that tells you what due dates are coming up, which is nice. I think I’ll have no problems as long as those reminders keep popping up.