Usability Test Results and Reflection

Results:

Each of the classmates I talked to said essentially the same things. They liked the general layout I have planned for my portfolio page, they like the header image at the top of each page, and they liked the color scheme I have for it. They were also able to give me constructive feedback on how I can make changes and improvements, such as changing the font color in a few places, and making some small changes for making better contrast between the shapes I have on the page. I agreed with a lot of their feedback, except I personally am still not entirely sold on the color scheme I have. I do like the black/gray/teal colors I have (I think they go really well with the cloud image I want at the top of my pages), but I still have doubts. There was another color scheme that I had as an option, which was inspired by fall colors, and I really love those colors. When I went to put it down on the page however, it did not come out the way I wanted it to. Maybe with some more tweaking I can get that the way I want it. The main problem I'm feeling is that I think lighter colors would look better than a lot of darker colors that the black/gray/teal brings to the page. So I have that left to work out still.

The three classmates didn't go very in depth into all the aspects of my website, we all stuck to general points and tips, so there really wasn't much that they advised me that I disregarded.

Reflection:

I appreciated the usability test results, and that my classmates weren't afraid to tell me if something wasn't working. I'm changing my main page to look more like my "About Me" page (you'll see in Module 6 that the main pain has more of a setup that reminds me of Facebook, with a picture of myself in the upper left corner, my name and info underneath; it just has too much of a Facebook feel to it). Although I still have doubts about the final color scheme of my website, I am going to leave the colors as they are for now. I don't think I will be able to make a final decision until I actually make the website (I'm just not very Photoshop savvy), and since I am happy with the general layout I have planned, going and changing up some of the colors later shouldn't be too difficult.