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The original idea for my project was to have ten guys (2 per borough) talk about their dating experiences in New York City. Each guy would share his best and worst date and a moment they thought was interesting.

The first draft of the project consisted of using a map as an interactive way for users to select the borough and person they wanted to view. The map would have little red hearts on it indicating how many men answered from that borough. When the user clicked on a heart it would bring them to the page about that particular male. They could select to watch a video or to read the story.

Not knowing anything about Adobe Illustrator or coding I ran into a few problems. One issue was attempting to figure out how to code the hearts as a linkable source. First, using the map from my wireframe I attempted to link the hearts already placed. However, the hearts were embedded on the image and could not be coded. Then I tried using the css code for a heart however I could not move multiple hearts around the way I envisioned. However, as suggested I decided to use images instead of shapes.

The second problem was linking the hearts to a particular video. First, coding a video became a headache in itself. Although, using an image made the project easier to code and it took me a while to figure out how to reference another html.

An additional problem was trying to get the text to lay over the image. After, moving the images and text back and forth, I decided to leave the text on the left side of the image. I originally wanted the hearts aligned next to one another but could not figure out how to get them horizontally aligned.

In an attempt to keep everything on one page, I opened the videos using google chrome and then copy and pasted the url into my index.html.

Back to the map, in order to make the hearts the primary focus I changed the opacity of the map to 50% instead of 100%. Afterwards, I decided to outline the boroughs using the pen tool, which after finishing Manhattan and some of the Bronx I realized would take too long. Eventually, I scrapped the whole map and just used hearts.