

WEEK IN REVIEW

This week was interesting and it was a little more hectic than previous weeks. I haven't really had too much interaction with anyone this week, but I did have some good feedback from Michael Ritchie and my instructor in Week 1: Anchor Points. It was nice to have that boost of confidence about my kids being my biggest accomplishment. I enjoy getting feedback on my posts to see where exactly I am at; it is easier when someone on the outside looking in tells you what is good and what needs some work. This week I definitely did not manage my time as well as I would have liked. I got busy and procrastinated heavily. I have a better sense of my time management for this coming week though and I will change my working habits to better fit this class.

ANCHOR POINTS

What have I done? Nothing! Well, that is what it feels like at least. The past 8 years right after I graduated high school, I have had 3 kids, random jobs, and have attempted community college about 3 or 4 times with no luck. I really wasn't sure what I wanted out of my schooling. This passed time, about a year ago, I was positive I was going to school for screenwriting. I loved my screenwriting classes and it just seemed like it was for me. While I wish it were something I could have continued with, I found it really difficult to find time and places to write. I can always write on my own time, but when given a deadline for when pages of my script were due, it was just kind of impossible getting it done when my kids are constantly needing something. I would have to wait until they are a little older then! Plus, I needed something a little more straight forward. Yes, it would have been really cool if I could graduate from community college and transfer to a 4 year, but that takes some time, and I have already wasted so much! In 9th grade my friend got me into HTML, and even though I very rarely practiced it since 9th grade, it was one thing that I kept coming back to year after year, as something I could major in. I just didn't really listen to my inner self, or take myself seriously for that matter.

What am I doing? I wish I knew! It constantly feels like I am at a standstill in life, maybe because I feel like I have waited so long to get a start on what I really want to do, education-wise. I know what I want out of my education, and I know what I want out of my career, I just need to continue being patient. I take care of my kids everyday, it is rewarding but I want to be more than just a stay at home mom to them, I want them to be proud of me and talk highly of me to their future children; I want them to know that I worked hard for them! Also, I feel I should be honest in saying that I haven't been coding as much as I should. I need to submerge myself into it I feel, or else I am going to forget the basics. Here we go!

What's next? Dive in! I need to set up smaller goals for myself instead of setting longer term goals, because then I seem to psych myself out and things won't get done. I plan on setting up certain times of the day where I just write code for an hour or so, instead of it just being whenever. So, I will need to be more strict with myself and maybe then will I gain more confidence in myself and my coding!

How Will I Accomplish This? I will accomplish this by setting mini goals, managing my time better, pacing myself, and focusing on what needs to get done. I need to set aside all distractions and focus my mind on my schoolwork. I have a tendency to always think I have enough time to keep pushing work aside until I absolutely need to do it. I am slowly but surely changing this bad habit!

REFLECT AND CONNECT

I think this passed week I have changed in a sense that I started writing my assignments down and when exactly they are due. I know I have a bad habit of not managing my time wisely, so I need to keep on myself and make sure I have many reminders of when work is due. Also, I haven't been checking my phone as much and even though I have messages waiting to be answered – it can wait! I have made it less of a priority to be on my phone.